



Northwest squads complete sweep of Central

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City Council discusses local improvements

Mulberry Street bridge
and Mazingo Lake cabins
may undergo construction

By AARON BAILEY
COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR

The Maryville City Council began discussions Monday on two potential improvements for the city.

The council addressed the need for improvements or reconstruction of the Mulberry Street bridge, as well as the construction of cabins at Mazingo Lake.

According to Assistant City Manager Matt Unrein, Snyder and Associates and the Missouri Department of Transportation recently inspected the bridge free of charge to rate its condition. MoDOT inspectors rated the bridge a three, and if it falls to a two rating, state law would mandate its closure.

"By spring or summer, it will need major repair," Unrein said. "It's not unsafe, but it does need attention."

One proposal would be to remove the bridge, raise the land and construct a new bridge. The other is to repair the existing bridge.

A suggested way to fund the project is to reallocate \$45,000 already budgeted for repairs to East Seventh Street by the council to the bridge, and hold off on the East Seventh Street repairs until next year.

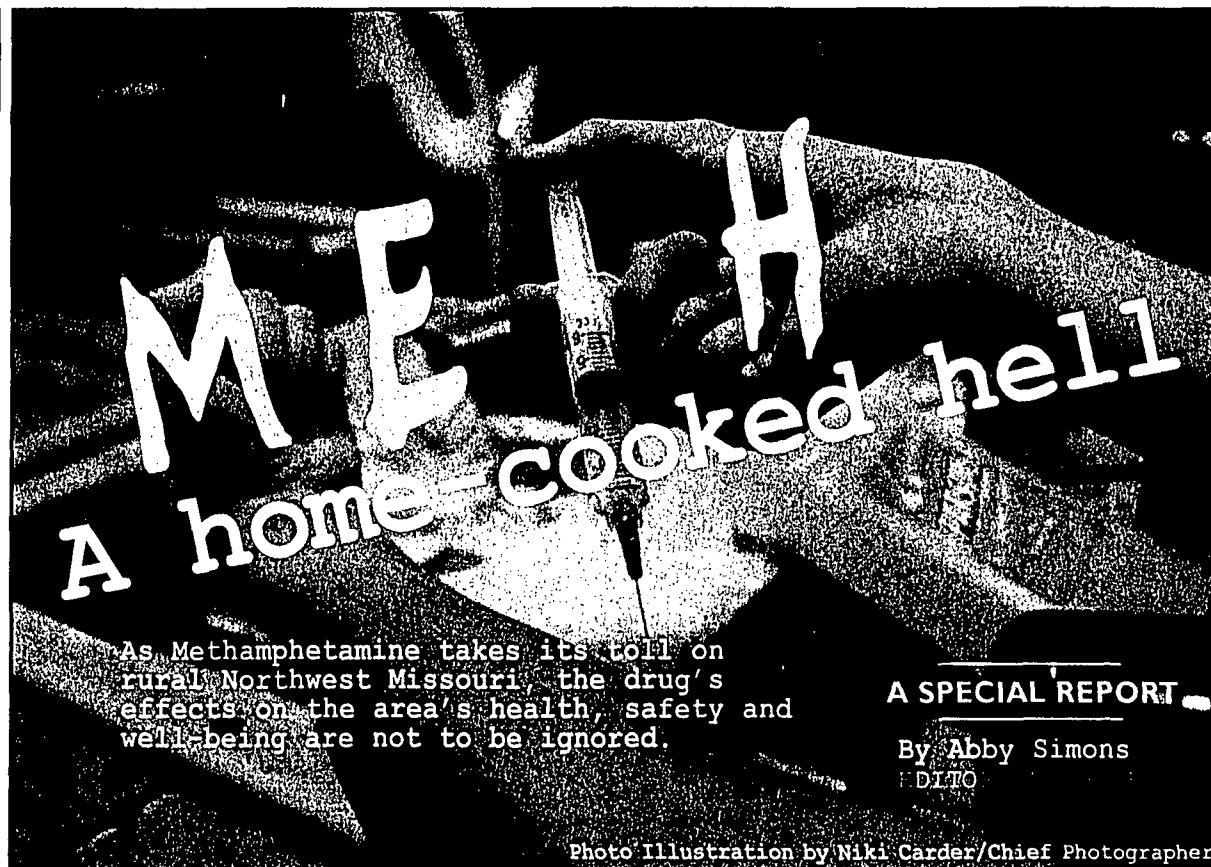
The council plans to consider this project in a future meeting.

Also, the council gave approval for the completion of a final proposal to begin construction of two cabins on Mazingo Lake.

The interior and exterior of the proposed cabins was discussed as well as the projected charge to rent a cabin. The projected cost for the construction of the initial cabins is set at \$25,000.

The council's tentative plan is to start with two cabins, to be completed by spring, and then go from

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As Methamphetamine takes its toll on rural Northwest Missouri, the drug's effects on the area's health, safety and well-being are not to be ignored.

A SPECIAL REPORT

By Abby Simons
DLTO

Photo illustration by Niki Carder/Chief Photographer

It's Saturday, just past lunchtime. Dee, 18, has just completed her first round of hot rails, and she's now preparing for seconds.

In typical meth user's custom, she wastes little time, simultaneously snorting and then smoking the drug through a heated glass tube. In less than an hour, when the cocktail of chemicals provides her with an unharassable energy, she'll be what users refer to as "tweaked." By Monday, after spending nearly 50 hours high and without sleep or food, she'll be "tweaked."

But the thoughts and worries of the upcoming week couldn't be farther from the Northwest Missouri teenager's mind as she allows the effects of the drug to take control. The feeling, she said, is difficult to describe.

"It just makes you really happy, like having no problems in the world," she said. "Everything is fine. It's kind of an escape. Everything is wonderful."

And, after nearly three years of snorting, smoking and shooting meth into her body on a regular basis, Dee's not so certain whether she's still capable of experiencing joy without it.

"Everyone likes to be happy..." she said.

It's all in an average weekend for Dee and hundreds of other Northwest Missouri methamphetamine addicts who can't live without the highly potent, cheaply produced homemade drug more commonly known among users as glass, dope, tweak, crank, crystal or ice. Just as the list of names for meth continues to grow, the proportion of users continues expanding since the drug's first appearance in the Midwest nearly a decade ago.

Since then, Missouri has become methamphetamine capital of the nation, leading all other states in the number of meth lab seizures. In Northwest Missouri's 15-county region, the numbers alone

reflect the growing trend. In 2000, nine meth labs were seized or discovered by law enforcement officials. By 2003, the annual figure had skyrocketed to 173 labs. The increase serves as a devastating example of an epidemic with no solution in sight, according to Sgt. Sheldon Lyon, Troop H spokesman for the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

"That's one thing that's odd about this drug. It's not found among poor folks and it's not just rich folks, either. There is no real profile of users," Lyon said. "You'll have maybe farmers who want to stay up for days in the field without rest, or you'll have women who want to lose weight. The downside is that meth is very addictive, and for some, what is a harmless experiment goes very badly. Before they know it, they've lost their homes, they're in prison or they've lost their lives."

In the beginning, meth was Dee's redemption.

Despite growing up in a town of 250 with a senior class of 10 students, the talented student and athlete, was painfully shy—and painfully bored. Experimentation with marijuana, cocaine, ecstasy and hallucinogens led her to discover a confidence she never knew she had, and partying with a newfound circle of friends soon became a weekend ritual. Soon thereafter, friends introduced her to yet another escape. The drug: meth. Dee was 15, and instantly hooked.

"I thought it was so fun, I loved it the first time I did it. I loved how it made me feel," she said. "The first time was completely overwhelming, a huge head rush. Just a constant energy for like five hours or so."

Dee loved the power the drug bestowed upon her. Casual weekend use soon escalated to a daily habit. She began injecting meth directly into her veins for a more potent high. In time, she couldn't get through the day without it.

(Please see 'Meth' page 7A)

Common Meth Ingredients

Ephedrine
(Active ingredient
in Sudafed)

Iodine

Red Phosphorus
(strike pad of a
match book)

Lighter fluid

Muriatic acid

Brake Fluid

Lithium
(Battery acid)

Acetone

Methanol

Drain cleaner

Paint Thinner

Information from
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Regents address merger concerns at Town Hall meeting

*"We will not deny access to our
traditional students, but we will
continue to increase enrollment."*

By JANEA PHILIP
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

After releasing the Memorandum of Understanding, the Board of Regents held a question and answer session Tuesday to explain the unanimous vote to merge with the UM system.

"We were open and receptive to any questions the students and faculty might have," Provost Taylor Barnes said.

President Dean Hubbard began Tuesday's meeting illustrating the benefits in demographics, economics and governance if we merge with the UM system.

"We will continue to thrive if we merge with the UM system," Hubbard said.

The University of Missouri Board of Curators will meet today and decide on the 15 principles within the MOU. The Board of Regents will then meet on Feb. 7 regarding the decision made by the curators.

"The Memorandum of Understanding addresses what both the UM system and Northwest view as being the most important issues," Angel Harris-Lewis, special assis-

stant to the president said.

The Curators and Regents will have a joint meeting on Feb. 13 to make final corrections to the MOU and then send it to state legislation. The legislation can approve, modify or reject the MOU.

"We're hoping (legislators) will finalize the Memorandum of Understanding as is," Lewis said. "We've worked so hard to come to an agreement of understanding."

After explaining the processes of merging with the UM system the board addressed questions from the audience.

"The Memorandum of Understanding addresses the tenure rights, but made no reference to rank," Dean Sanders, professor of computer science and information systems, said.

Barnes assured him that teachers will keep their current ranking if the merger occurs. The review process of tenured and non-tenured will remain the same.

Khordia Virabhai questioned the principle that designated a change of retirement plans.

"Why is there an emphasis on 90 days to decide if we will change plans," Virabhai said.

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Maryville student nominated to U.S. Naval Academy

Katie Wood was elected by Congressman Sam Graves for admission into the United States Naval Academy

By AARON BAILEY
COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR

While most high school seniors narrow down their potential colleges based on location and tuition costs, one Maryville High School senior's decision was helped by Congressman Sam Graves.

Earlier this month, Katie Wood was nominated by Graves to the United States Naval Academy. After a competitive application and interview process, Wood was selected from 25 other candidates by a review board set up by Graves.

Members of congress nominate several candidates each year to represent their respective district. The admission standards for each of the five military schools is very high, and even with Graves' nomination, Wood is not guaranteed admission.

Now, Wood waits to hear from the Academy if she's in.

Graves notified each nominee by phone, which came as a surprise to Wood.

"At first I was completely

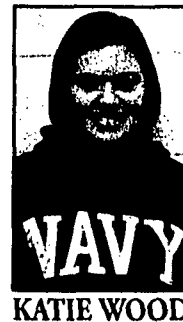
speechless," Wood said. "I was expecting the (review) panel to be there over the speakerphone asking me questions. But when I picked up the phone it was (Graves) and he wanted to congratulate me on getting the nomination. I was very surprised."

Graves said that many factors determine who will be nominated, including academics and involvement in the community.

"First of all, her academics are fantastic," Graves said. "She's hard-working and a perfectionist, and that came through in her application."

Along with her cumulative GPA of 3.9 and ACT scores of 32, Wood is a member of the Maryville High School dance team and the

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KATIE WOOD

Missouri lobbyists seek to pass traffic bill

*"There's a greater level of danger with playing
with the smooth and proper flow of traffic."*

By AARON BAILEY
COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR

At one time or another, everyone has found themselves sitting in a car, wishing for a way to simply flick a switch and have the light turn green.

A device called a Mobile Infrared Transmitter does just that, and with the emergence of the internet, they are available for the public to buy.

Rep. Kevin Engler saw this as a potential problem and introduced a bill last week that would outlaw the device, except for authorized emergency use.

"We expect this to be (a problem) the more they sell them over the internet," Engler said. "We see this as a chance for us to head-off a problem

rather than react to it."

The MIRT works by sending an infrared signal to a detector attached to a traffic light. It then changes its normal cycle to switch from its current status to a green light.

This technology was developed in the early '70s exclusively for the use of ambulances, police cars and fire trucks. And up until last year, these devices were very expensive and difficult to obtain. But with the rise of internet commerce, the devices began to appear for sale around \$500.

Engler, a member of Missouri's Transportation and Motor Vehicles committee, saw the potential problems this technology could cause and decided outlawing MIRTs was needed. Missouri is

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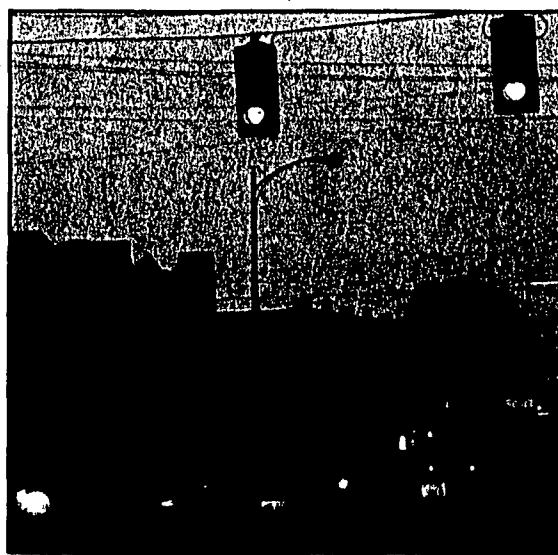


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The new traffic bill will seek to outlaw Mobile Infrared Transmitters for non-emergency use in the state of Missouri.

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Web Extras:

Check out a preview of the "The Wizard of Oz" as part of the Encore Performance Series.

Last week's poll:

What are you most looking forward to about the Super Bowl?

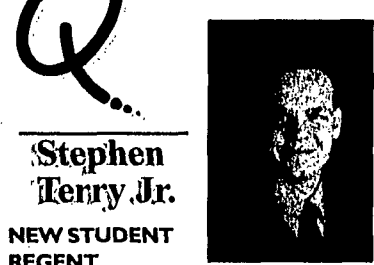
55.8% Commercials and halftime show.
30.2% Four and a half hours of drunkenness.
9.3% The food.
4.7% The game.

Online poll:

What's your favorite winter weather activity?

a. Sledding and snowboarding.
b. Hibernating.
c. Making snow angels—naked.
d. Snuggling with my honey.

Questions for...



Stephen Terry Jr.
NEW STUDENT
REGENT

Q Why did you want to be Student Regent?

A I have always wanted to work closely with the student body. Furthermore, this position offers a great opportunity to get involved in some of the decision-making that affects students.

Q What are your responsibilities as Student Regent?

A To represent the voice of the student body at the Board of Regents meetings, where decisions about curriculum, tuition, educational departments, and student affairs are all discussed.

Q What do you hope to do while you're a Student Regent?

A Mainly, I want to improve the communication between University officials and students. I would also like to educate students on how the University's decision-making process personally affects each and every one of us.

Q What will happen to the Student Regent position if Northwest merges with the University of Missouri system?

A Students would still have a voice on the Board of Regents. The position would only have a different name.

Q What is one thing you want students to know about you?

A That I sincerely believe that no matter what your background, or where you have come from, each and every student has the ability and the opportunity to be successful.

Q What are you looking forward to?

A I am looking forward to the challenges and all the irreplaceable experiences that will encompass this position.

Q What would you do differently than Student Regent Paul Klute?

A Paul went above and beyond the responsibilities of the Student Regent. He has done an amazing job, I am truly proud of him. Paul has really set the bar for the Student Regent position. If I could just accomplish half the things Paul did, then I would think myself successful.

COMPILED BY SARAH SWEDBERG
CHIEF REPORTER



PHOTO BY LAURA CADY/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER
Dan Meyers from the punk rock band "Bent Left" passionately sings back-up vocals at their concert held in the Union Ballroom Thursday night. "Bent Left" is from Rolla, MO and performed with Molotov-Latte.

Punk rockin' political statements

By JEREMY SCHWENK
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

A night that is usually filled with games and prizes became an evening of punk rock music.

In a move that was new for the students, ballroom and even for the punk rock band, Bent Left took on a new meaning toward their music.

"What we are trying to do right now is make people more socially aware of what's going on by being more belligerent through our music," drummer and backup vocalist Josh Nelson said.

Bent Left sent a political message through their music Thursday to a crowd of less than 30.

It wasn't until the band made their statement before the crowd showed any life.

"We drove seven hours to come rock for you guys," Nelson shouted after the second song to help get a better response out of the crowd.

"Right now they're trying to make a name for themselves, and are doing a good job of it by targeting an audience they know is out there," freshman Matt Ahol said.

Although it wasn't a new type of music for the band, a new meaning came about.

"We have been playing together for four years now and have just started sending our opinions and beliefs through our music," bassist and backup

vocalist William Malott said.

Perhaps the most recognizable part of Bent Left's new attitude was their final song, "Burn Down The Bridge." The song, written by Nelson, expresses the band members' feelings about the current war in Iraq.

"Bush is currently fighting a war that uses the taxes of education," lead guitarist and vocalist Dan Myers said. "This is why we have poor school conditions and unqualified teachers."

Bent Left is currently finishing up their follow up album to their debut album, Punk Rock Country Club. Stew Maker Government will be finished and released soon.

To reach the members of Bent Left, visit their Web site at www.stlpunk.com.

Game show will offer cash, prizes

By SARAH SWEDBERG
CHIEF REPORTER

Students with knowledge of trivia and a desire to earn hard cash can team up with four friends for tonight's Think Fast Game Show.

Bryan Vanosdale, director of Campus Activities, said students can show up and win both cash and incentive prizes such as T-shirts throughout the game.

The Think Fast Game Show will begin at 9 p.m. tonight in the Student Union Ballroom.

The trivia game show will hand out over \$1,500 in prizes. The first place team will receive \$750, second \$500 and third place \$250.

"We want students to have fun, to laugh, to enjoy hanging out with friends," Vanosdale said.

Vanosdale said the game show has been successful in the past, with more than 100 people in attendance last year. He also said he brings the game show back every couple of years because so many students enjoy its high energy.

Vanosdale said that activities such as the Think Fast Game Show and Thursday's Late Night at the Union give students other opportunities for activity.

"I think one thing students really talk about is they want things to do," Vanosdale said. "They just don't want to always sit at home."

Northwest student Kara Ferguson said the event will give students an opportunity to interact with other students, to learn some facts and to have a great time without alcohol.

"It offers a break in the dull cycle of classes and organization meetings," Ferguson said. "And it provides those who don't want to go to the bars on Thursday nights a place to go."

V-Day stories to tell of empowerment

By BURNEA COTHRINE
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Women from all walks of life expressed empowerment and sexuality as they auditioned for production of the Vagina Monologues last Thursday.

"The Vagina Monologues is a collection of stories about women who have stories about life as well as sexuality," student coordinator Amy Carr said.

According to Kathryn Jenkins, official V-Day coordinator, monologue author Eve Ensler decided to interview 200 women and girls to hear their life stories and testimonials. She then wrote a play about it called the Vagina Monologues, a collection of anecdotes, stories and poems. Ensler then became founder of the V-Day movement, a charity dedicated to helping women in distress all over the world.

The production of the Vagina Monologues is sponsored by Amnesty International. Amnesty has decided to donate all proceeds raised from the production to the Maryville Crisis Center, as well as Juarez, Mexico. They are also teaming up with the Maryville chapter of Business and Professional Women with helping women in areas of business, Jenkins said.

"There is nothing to be afraid of. It's not a large feminist convention, not women hating men, but women helping each other and empowering women in the audience as well as men," Jenkins said. "I think men will walk away with a better understanding of women."

The Vagina Monologues is scheduled for Feb. 26 and 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the Charles Johnson Theater.

Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students.



PHOTO BY LAURA CADY/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER
Piper Gibson performs the character of "Angry Vagina" during tryouts for the "Vagina Monologues" on Thursday night. The play is sponsored by Amnesty International and will be performed Feb. 26 and 27.

Beer and Porn posters prove educational

By PETE GUTSCHENRITTER
ASSIGNMENT EDITOR

"Come down to the basement for some beer and porn," a voice echoed over Franken Hall's public address system Monday night.

However, when going downstairs, students instead found was Virginia Murr, assistant director of the University Health Center, to answer questions about sexually transmitted diseases and protected sex. Battle of the Sexes, Jeopardy and pamphlets were also available for resident students.

"We try to use catchy phrases, so it lures people into coming," Resident Assistant Paul Ascherman said. "If you name it something like 'Sexual Education,' nobody would come."

Last week, the "Beer and Porn" seminar stirred controversy as posters of supermodels hung from the walls, with messages like, "Another beer might loosen me up...But meet me in the basement so we don't get caught."

"(Some residents) were offended by the postings," said Kent Porterfield, vice president for University Relations. "We sometimes see things differently on campus."

I applaud the staff for developing a program that's important, but I can see where students would be offended (by the posters)."

Toward the end of last week, all of the big posters were removed and replaced with small posters with the disclaimer, "This program contains information about alcohol and sexual responsibility."

"We always try to accommodate students' needs," Ascherman said. "We had some comments (about the posters). Some of the things on them were a bit risqué, but I didn't think they were lewd."

Once the 8:30 p.m. seminar began, residents played a game of "Battle of the Sexes," before playing a Jeopardy game dealing with STDs and alcohol questions. Murr was also available to answer any questions.

"This is the best (program)," Murr said. "They made it fun and that's all it takes."

Murr is currently in the process of setting up a University designated driver service with Campus Safety, and is also preparing for Sexual Awareness Week, Feb. 9-13.

"Whenever I talk to students, if there was a big crowd, I say, 'Great,'" Murr said. "But if only one person comes, then it's worth it."

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Peking Shrimp	5.50
Szechuan Shrimp	5.50
Shrimp W/ Vegetables	5.50

Lager addresses road woes

Need is stressed for
MoDOT to shift focus to
repair, not new projects

By STEPHANIE STANGL
CHIEF REPORTER

Maryville residents may discover that not everything is as it seems.

Some taxpayers believe the Missouri Department of Transportation neglects to utilize funds to benefit the community because of current road conditions.

Rep. Brad Lager held a meeting at the Maryville Community Center last Friday in an attempt to convince citizens otherwise, by restating what MoDOT's true goals and intentions are.

Beth Wright, new District 1 engineer, was introduced on Friday and is aware of the concern.

"We have heard in the newspapers and in the communities that people feel we have a credibility issue," Wright said. "They don't feel they can always trust us. We are working hard to make sure the estimates for our

projects are accurate, so that when we tell you that we are going to do a project, we have the ability to do so."

One concern expressed was that most are not aware that MoDOT receives only 63 percent of profits generated from motor vehicle fuel, licenses, fees and sales tax. In addition, while Missouri has the seventh largest state highway system in the U.S., it ranks 44th in revenue available per mile.

Missouri sales tax is also one of the nation's lowest, and the state does not receive general sales tax or other revenues to fund highway and bridge projects.

According to Wright, this means compromises have to be made on what takes precedence.

"It's a balancing act," Wright said. "There's only so much money out there, and the commission has to make a critical decision about where we spend our money and how we serve the public."

Rep. Lager suggested that, to better serve public need, MoDOT ought to shift focus from new proposals to maintaining and repairing current roads and finishing existing projects. "We need to maintain first and

expand later," Lager said. "It's time to fix what we already have."

Wright proposed the idea of innovative financing in order to alternatively fund projects.

"Innovative financing allows local agencies to participate in funding transportation options or projects," Wright said. "This can help accelerate developments important to the community."

For example, one option is a cost-sharing program, which, according to Wright, focuses on projects not included in the department's existing construction program. If communities and local agencies wish to get a project underway immediately, MoDOT will eventually reimburse up to 50 percent of estimated project cost if the community is willing to raise funds on their own.

Rep. Lager expressed that MoDOT has nothing but good intentions.

"Basically, we are trying to layout a roadmap that Northwest Missouri needs to start working on," he said. "This will hopefully get us to where we need to be."

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California dreamin'



PHOTO BY NIKI CORDER/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER
Ten-year-old Mitchell Bradshaw maneuvers down a hill behind St. Gregory's Church right before he tumbles into the snow. "Sometimes, I just like to fall," Bradshaw said.

Missourians kick cigarette butts; according to study

By JESSICA SWARTZ
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

With the arrival of new statistics, nonsmoking citizens of Maryville and most of Missouri can breathe a sigh of relief without coughing.

The release of statistics from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services has brought to light an encouraging trend in the number of smokers statewide.

According to Dick Dunn, MDHSS director, in 1964 half of all adult Americans smoked; currently only 26.6 percent of Missourians light up.

Since U.S. Surgeon General Luther Terry linked smoking to cancer 40 years

ago, the number of smokers has declined.

"It's encouraging to see that people have stopped smoking," Janet Wilson, a health promotion unit chief for the MDHSS, said.

A previous study released from the MDHSS this month, revealed that the majority of smokers do not take advantage of items of assistance, such as prescription or over the counter aids, nicotine gum and patches.

The 2003 Missouri County-level study, is the largest special survey ever undertaken by the state's health department. It was conducted in 2002 with a follow-up study in 2003.

Missouri's Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion section con-

ducted the study.

The study also reveals that, while the majority of smokers believe smoking to be physically addictive, fewer than 10 percent have ever tried these helpful aids to assist in quitting.

"We just encourage anyone who wants to quit to seek the help available to them," Wilson said.

The MDHSS works hand-in-hand with community coalitions to promote smoke-free environments.

One such coalition exists in Maryville. Citizens for a Smoke-Free Maryville produced results with the passing of the Maryville Clean Indoor Act. The act that limits second-hand smoke in businesses earned Maryville the distinction of

"100% Smoke-free Award of Excellence" by the Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights, Monday.

Other organizations dedicated to a smoke-free city exist in Maryville. From the Cignified Lighter Fighters of St. Gregory's Catholic School to the Smoking Cessation Plan directed by Teri Harr, Health Education Coordinator at St. Francis Hospital, it's not hard to find the help and the support that's needed to break the addictive habit.

"Support groups are a big incentive," Della Rhoades, Administrator of Nodaway County Health Center, said. "Documentation shows that support groups such as St. Francis' have a high quality of success."

Community events

Thurs. 29 ■ Sam Graves' Mobile Office Stop, Nodaway County Courthouse, 1 p.m.

■ Maryville Community Blood Drive, First United Methodist Church, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Fri. 30 ■ National Fun at Work Day

Sat. 31 ■ Nodaway County 4-H/FFA Steer Weigh day, Nodaway Vet Clinic, 8:30 to 11 a.m.

Sun. 1 ■ Youth Super Bowl Party, First Christian Church, 5 p.m.

Mon. 2 ■ Groundhog Day ■ You and Me group, Maryville Community Center

Tues. 3 ■ Missouri Primary voting, 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. ■ Food Safety Workshop for Growers, Jamesport Community Center, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Wed. 4 ■ Lisa's Paper Folding club, First Christian Church, 2 to 4 p.m.

If you would like to have your event published, please call 562-1224 or e-mail shaley@missourianonline.com

Habitat for Humanity grants a wish for an area family

By ANTHONY STIENS
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Jeremy and Melissa Calfee have always dreamed of owning their own house.

With the assistance of Habitat for Humanity, that dream will soon become a reality.

"We've been renting for five years and wanted our own house," Melissa said.

On Jan. 16, the Calfees were notified at a small ceremony that they would be recipients of the first house built by the Nodaway County Habitat for Humanity.

"This was the biggest news we have had in a long time," Melissa said.

Construction for the three-bedroom house will begin in April in a vacant lot in Hopkins, Mo., and is scheduled to be completed by August. It will cost \$50,000 to build and volunteers will complete the majority of construction.

Linda Lajcak started the Nodaway County Habitat for Humanity in 2002. The group soon grew, but couldn't begin planning its first house until it received national affiliation status. That status finally came in October 2003.

To help with costs the group set up a

tent at the Nodaway County Fair last year where they received donations and created a goal which they called the 25,000 Club. This entails 1,000 members of the public to donate \$25 for every house that is built, in order to cover half of the cost.

Many members of the Nodaway County Habitat for Humanity have helped build houses in other parts of the United States. Janice Brandon-Falcone, associate professor of history, volunteered at a Habitat for Humanity in Georgia and noticed the positive effect the project had on the own-

ers of the house.

"The new homeowners become so enthusiastic," Falcone said. "They will volunteer for future projects."

The new homeowners must meet several qualifications before being accepted. One includes developing a partnership with the Habitat for Humanity and working 500 hours on their house or another Habitat house.

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► Residents on first and second floors of South Complex and second floor of Franken can sign up for their same room.

Wednesday, Feb. 4

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Thursday-Friday, Feb. 5-6

► South Complex residents can sign up for any available room in their hall.

Monday, Feb. 9

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Our View

A funding folly

Bush's plan to provide funding to schools who require drug tests will prove a waste of valuable dollars.

In East St. Louis, Ill., school playgrounds are polluted with raw sewage. Children attend classes without the luxury of books, computers — even permanent teachers. They walk to school on streets that aren't safe, even in daylight. And in the face of this, President Bush announced in his State of the Union Address that he will offer \$23 million to public schools that will support random drug testing.

President Bush's plan would provide extra money to schools that "want to use drug testing as a tool to save children's lives." Bush believes his plan will, as stated on the White House Web site, "help Americans make responsible choices."

The fact is, drug testing does not begin to touch the problem of adolescent drug use. According to a study conducted by social scientists at the University of Michigan, there was no indication that drug testing dissuaded students from drug use.

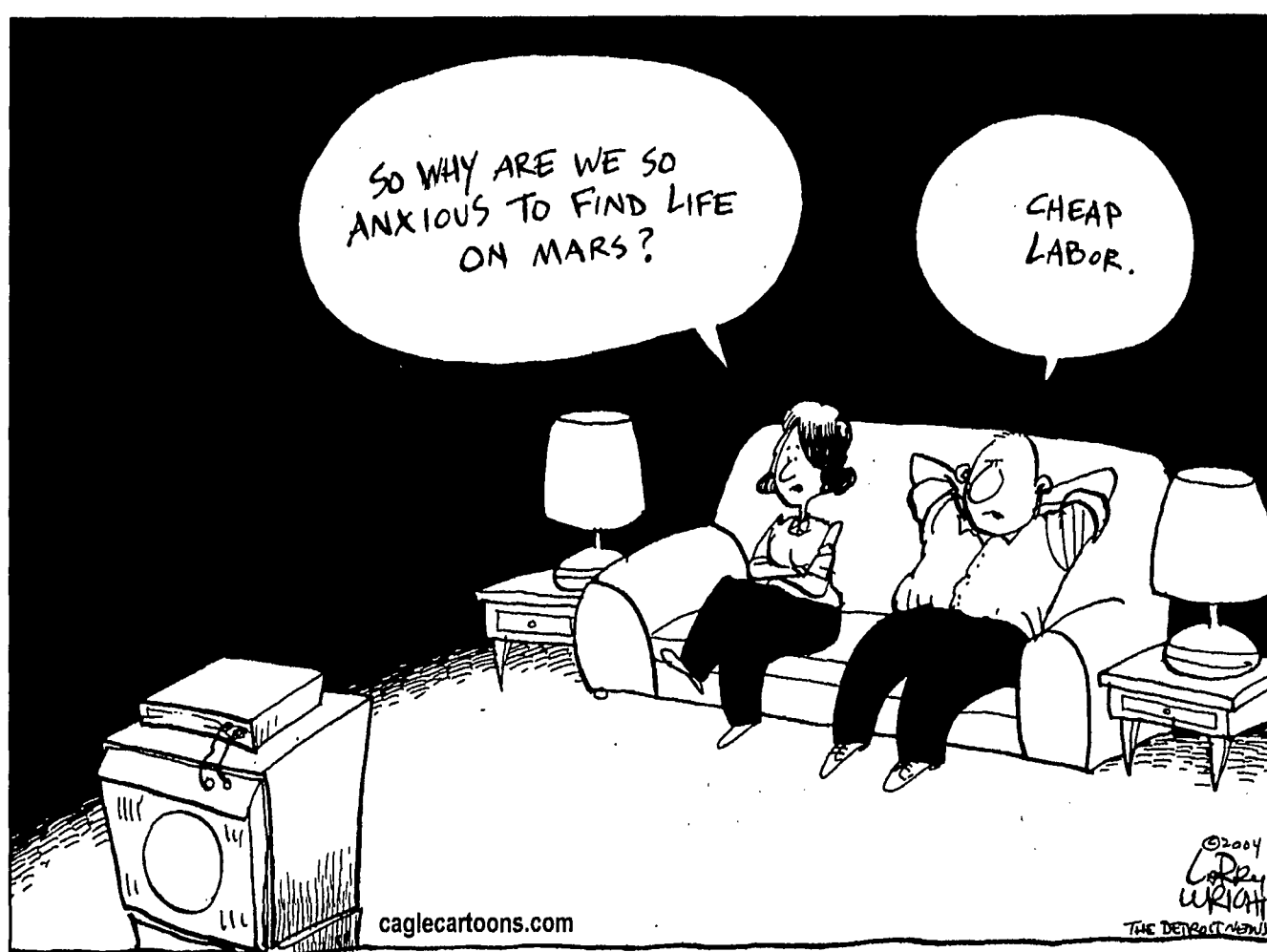
For example, 37 percent of 12th graders attending schools who do drug tests reported using marijuana, while 36 percent of students attending schools who do not test reported using marijuana.

The \$23 million could be much better spent. School districts across the country are suffering from major cutbacks. According to the *Lawrence Journal World*, a school district in a relatively wealthy city of Lawrence, Kan. is facing a \$1 million cut next year. According to a news piece by KSDK out of St. Louis, the East St. Louis school district is facing a \$3 million deficit next year.

President Bush has failed to realize the real problems facing schools in the United States. Education should be the priority, and when students cannot receive a rudimentary education, there is something terribly wrong.

Money should be spent on upgrading existing school infrastructures and on funding mandates like his "No Child Left Behind" program.

The U.S. government should focus on guaranteeing each student a classroom with a full-time teacher and enough books to go around before they start investing funds in other areas.



I can live in my skin, can you live in yours?

Aside from the existing programs "Will and Grace," "Six Feet Under" and "Queer as Folk," this year's debut shows involving American gays made 2003 "The Year of the Queer."

HBO's "Angels in America," ABC's "It's All Relative," NBC's "The Ellen DeGeneres Show" and Bravo's "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" gave gay and lesbian characters their most prominent presence yet in the television mainstream.

It was the Fab Five from "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy," however, that made the biggest impact on the gay front. The controversial, yet catchy title attracted viewers from all walks of life—teens, families and yuppies.

But, in their greatest accomplishment, the Fab Five helped spawn the term "metrosexual" into every American household.

Sure, the term metrosexual wasn't created in the last year—it actually was introduced in the mid 80s in magazines such as *GQ*, *Esquire*, and *The Face*—but it seems it's the growing trend among male teens.

According to *www.wordspy.com*, the term metrosexual is "an urban male with a strong aesthetic sense who spends a great deal of time and money

My View

RILEY HUSKEY
COPY EDITOR



on his appearance and lifestyle." In layman's terms, they actually *care* about how they look and dress—and aren't afraid to be in touch with their feminine side.

Sure, homosexual and bisexual men can be described as metrosexuals, but the term usually embodies the straight man. They typically have a good sense of style, are up on personal hygiene, aren't afraid to watch what they eat, are generally cultured in art and food and pay attention to design.

In a sense, they're a new breed of man. And we all know what happens when our world is introduced to new things—sheer chaos.

What's with that? Is it really that hard? Some things come along that you just

have to accept. And don't get "accept" confused with "tolerate" either. That's the one thing I don't understand about American culture—we have a tendency to say we "tolerate" this or "tolerate" that.

News flash: Some things are here to stay, ladies and gentlemen, and "tolerance" isn't what's needed—acceptance is. And one of those issues is one I've already mentioned—homosexuality. It's obvious that the American attitude toward gay rights is a work in progress, but at least we're progressing now. Maybe Canada's recent strides with gay rights will rub off on some of our Nation's elite. Yeah.

I don't consider myself a homosexual, but I do consider myself a gay rights activist. They should have all of the rights that heterosexuals have—they're human beings too, aren't they?

From the very beginning, our forefathers had the idea of a unified nation. It's on the back of every coin and every dollar—E Pluribus Unum—out of many, one. Just as that phrase is on the back of every coin, every dollar, it's on the back of everyone's mind. Maybe we should have placed that phrase on the front of every coin and every dollar, so that it's at the front of every mind.

I can live in my skin—can you live in yours?

YOUR VIEW

What is the best or worst reality TV show? Why?



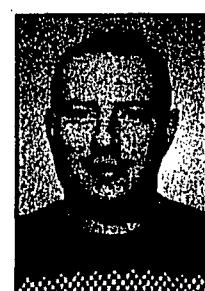
"The Real World." How is that reality? Five beautiful people in a huge house with see through showers and no financial responsibility? More like "in your dreams TV."

Amy Kern
Broadcasting



"The Surreal Life." To me it sounds really fake and strange. To me they're just all on different planets, so to speak.

Lisa Wheeler
Utility worker at the Student Union



All reality TV is the worst. If you are that desperate to go on TV to get a date, you are a pretty pathetic loser in my opinion. You're not after love; you're after money.

Bryan VanOsedale
Director of Campus Activities



The worst one probably would have to be "The Real World," because its producers put together a show consisting of conflicting personality traits. That in itself makes the title ironic, because it's not a depiction of the "real world," as people with conflicting personalities tend to avoid each other.

Nathan Jentsch
Undeclared



The best one is "The Real World." There's a whole bunch of drama and it's fun to see how they handle it.

Terrance Logan
Marketing

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Historical dates, background facts support resident's rebuttal to Amnesty

Characterizing the letter from Joshua Isom ("Student responds with truth, support for organization," 1/22/04) as "truth" is an absurd distortion of the truth.

The Arabs living in the West Bank and Gaza do not have any democracy, nor freedom of the press, nor freedom of speech. In fact, I challenge Mr. Isom to go to the West Bank, or to Gaza and voice protest against the Arab gangs who kill innocent men, women and children on buses, in dance clubs and at restaurants in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. The "truth" is Mr. Isom would be killed, as have so many other Arabs who have voiced discontent with the corruption and self-destructive behavior of Arab organizations like Hamas, Islamic Jihad, the Palestinian Authority and Hezbollah.

Where is Amnesty International when it comes to decrying the outrages of human rights violations on the part of these Arabs, let alone those human rights violations in Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Syria, Libya and most of the other Arab countries?

Amnesty International, your hypocrisy is showing.

I also challenge the *Northwest Missourian* to share the real "truth" about the history of this region and this conflict.

The "truth" is that the Arabs don't miss an opportunity to miss an opportunity! Check the record of history folks:

1. Throughout history there has never been an actual country of Palestine. The country that was Israel 2,000 years ago, and was conquered by the Romans at that time, was then called "Palestina" by the Romans. Later, this entire territory was simply referred to as "Palestine."

2. In 1917 the British declared in the Balfour Declaration that they ultimately wanted to see a separate Jewish country and a separate Arab country created from the territory, that was then referred to as Palestine. This territory is currently known as Jordan, Israel, the West Bank and Gaza. Subsequent to World War I, they were collectively known as the Palestinian ter-

ritory. The Ottoman Turks had occupied this territory for several centuries prior to World War I. After World War I, the British were given responsibility for this territory.

3. In 1923 part of the territory that was being referred to as Palestine, was carved out and made into the country of Jordan.

4. In 1948 the United Nations partitioned the remnant of the territory, which was still being referred to as Palestine, into a Jewish country and an Arab country. The Arabs did not accept this partition because that wanted the entire territory. What ensued was Israel's struggle to survive as a fledgling country.

With this, Arabs missed their first opportunity.

5. In 1949 at the end of Israel's struggle to survive, the West Bank fell under the control of Jordan and Gaza fell under the control of Egypt. Israel did not control any of these areas. Jordan and Egypt could have very easily created a country with these territories, but chose not to, because they ul-

timately hoped that one day they would be able to destroy and conquer all of Israel and get this territory for themselves.

The Arabs missed their second opportunity.

6. In June of 1967 the combined forces of many of the Arab countries, including Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq, Libya and others massed their armies around Israel in yet another attempt to destroy her. Furthermore, they blockaded the southern port access for Israel from the Red Sea. Israel first struck in a defensive preemptive strike that became known as the Six Day War. Israel was able to defeat this massive attempt by the Arab to destroy her. This is when Israel assumed control of the West Bank, Gaza, the Golan Heights and the Sinai Peninsula.

7. In 1982 Israel completed a peace agreement with Egypt and returned the Sinai Peninsula to Egyptian sovereignty.

8. In 2000 President Clinton strenuously tried to negotiate an

agreement between Yasser Arafat representing the Palestinians, and Ehud Barak, the Prime minister of Israel, that would have returned most of the West Bank and Gaza to the Arabs. This would have allowed a Palestinian country to be created. Sadly, Yasser Arafat balked at accepting the negotiated settlement, and thus...

The Arabs missed their third opportunity.

The "truth" is that Israel has every historical and legitimate right to exist exactly where she is located. The "truth" is that Israel has every right to defend her land, and her people.

Don't try to kid yourselves, or anyone else. Israel would just as soon live in peace and cooperation with its neighbors, then to see its own people slaughtered in dance clubs, buses and restaurants. However, Israel's neighbors - the Arabs, have only brought pain and suffering to her; and lost opportunities to themselves.

DAVID A. RAFFEL
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Even the common man falls victim to greed

If you've ever read this collection of ramblings I like to call "Under the Scope," then you know I think Michael Moore is one of the best things to happen to Hollywood since the "talkies."

Republicans say he's too liberal, and even some Democrats have a problem with the way he does things. But as I looked back at my Michael Moore marathon over winter break, there are a lot of things I came away with (besides seeing CEO after CEO foolishly cover up the camera).

His movie, "Roger and Me," introduced me to General Motors and how CEO Roger Smith shut down the plant's Flint, Mich., headquarters, where it all began. The catch was that Smith didn't have an answer as to why he did. The fact of the matter was he got a \$1 million raise.

The film only reinforced my belief that big corporations are in it for the money and will do whatever it takes to make another buck or million. It is, sadly enough, what America laid its foundation on, going all the way back to William K. Vanderbilt. But those people never used to bother me.

As I have spent the last 20 years of my life lavishing in middle-class goodness, I finally realized there is something I can do. I can run my middle-class mouth 'til the cows come home in hopes of getting a share, (I think that's a business term), of the rich guys' money.

Yet, the irony of all this is I love the rich guys and their products; in a roundabout way:

Take the Chicago Cubs for instance. I've loved the Cubs as long as I've known the game of baseball. However, it wasn't until two years ago I realized they were owned by one of the richest companies in the country, The Chicago Tribune Company. That never bothered me though, as I have always aspired to someday write for the Trib.

But just a few weeks ago I heard that they had "agreed" to terms with the 20 rooftop owners around Chicago's Waveland and Sheffield avenues. If you've ever watched a Cubs home game on television or in person, you know that the rooftopers are part of what makes "Wrigleyville" unique. Apartment

owners have been known to sell seats to watch the game from their roof, while treating their guests with a few cold ones and having a barbecue.

But the new agreement allowed the apartment owners to do this, as long as they collectively paid \$2 million to the Tribune. The Trib later said in a statement, "we will share the profits with the rooftop owners, and remove our tarp."

What?

Last year I questioned the Tribune for placing a tarp over a portion of left-field bleachers, claiming the rooftop owners were "stealing

their product." But isn't that one of the things that makes Wrigley Field what it is? They now have to pay the Cubs to enjoy that tradition?

Another multi-billionaire company is Disney, which happens to own ESPN, the worldwide leader in sports television networks. ESPN programming is increasing three times as much as other types of cable programming, which makes them the most expensive cable channel. Now is ESPN talking about raising their prices as much as 20 percent a year, which has caused cable outlets from Warwick, R.I., to Maryville to consider if they want to continue this fiasco.

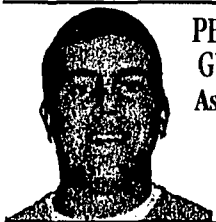
If it's prices get too high, cable outlets could charge extra for the channel, and place it as an "optional" channel. My question is how did it go this far?

I mean, I could do without the stupid "National Spelling Bee" and the "World Series of Poker." But without ESPN, seeing a Michigan student kissing a Ohio State chick "wouldn't be disgusting," as the commercial goes. And besides, it's good for "Day Baseball" in the summer and "Big Mondays," showcasing college basketball's best teams, in the winter; and Omaha's own Creighton University makes an annual appearance. But now we have to pay extra for all that? Please.

So yeah, what big companies can get away with sometimes flies beneath the radar. But in all reality, what can you do? Someone better check the couch cushions for some spare change.

Under the 'Scope

PETE GUTSCHENRITTER
ASSIGNMENT EDITOR



Coveted nicknames range from perverse to perfect

By ERIC DRYDEN
THE OHIO STATE POST (U-WIRE)

Nicknames are more coveted than the 10th and final slice of a pizza split three ways; people have spent entire lifetimes trying to attain good ones only to get aliases like "Honest Abe" or "Tricky Dick."

Not to belittle the titles of our former presidents, but those are some weak nicknames. Anybody can simply add an applicable adjective to your first name to make a nickname. And no President Nixon: you don't get extra credit because yours kind of rhymes.

I'm talking about great nicknames, names like "Hawkeye" Pierce, William "The Refrigerator" Perry, Eldrick "Tiger" Woods, or Elvis's "The King." These nicknames are more than just bland adjectives mixed haphazardly with someone's common name; they are a part of somebody's identity.

Many a soul have tried desperately to get the nickname they desire only to be dubbed some horrible other name through some twist of fate.

This tale is found throughout human history.

An extremely recent and entirely fictitious rumor has it that Ivan the Terrible wanted to be nicknamed "Roulette" before he was Ivan the Terrible. But there was already a "Roulette" in Russia. In an attempt to seize the beloved "Roulette," Ivan had the other "Roulette" killed. But after this act, everybody hated him so much that they called him Ivan the Terrible. This lesson was taken to heart by another Russian ruler, Katherine the Great.

Not to mention that it's pretty pathetic when you give yourself a nickname, because you would never call yourself something at all self-deprecating. You'd sound like a damn fighter pilot. "Hi, my name's 'Maverick.' And you are?" You try that kind of garbage and you'll be hanging out with Sting faster than you can whistle "Roxanne."

All this thought that has been allocated to nicknames was inspired by one very special moniker. A good friend of mine has acquired a nickname this year that he is not terribly fond

of, for a number of reasons.

First, it's not a name that would conventionally be thought of as cool, though it is my belief that it is its oddity that makes it sweet. Secondly, it is wholly and completely without merit. There is no true basis for this name; it just seemed to fit and, through me using it excessively, has stuck.

His nickname is "Creamy." No, I assure you that it has absolutely no affiliation with any kind of filthy acts that your dirty 18- to 25-year-old mind may be thinking. It's as non-offensive as Phil Collins. But man does he dislike it, which makes it perversely enjoyable for us.

Hours of joy have come out of this name. Utilizing MP3 downloading agents from the internet, the search "cream" has produced audio splendor. Every track ever created and made into digital form with cream in the title is now on my computer. We're frivolous; we even search songs with words that rhyme with cream so that we can reshape them in Creamy's image.

We're really trying to encourage him to use his new nickname

for his own advantage instead of just for our own selfish pleasure. For example, he could use his nickname in clever pick-up lines with pretty girls. Juvenile things only we find funny, like "You'll scream, I'll scream, everybody scream's for me, Cream." He's been sanely hesitant.

He's been a pretty good sport about it, and he's now starting to embrace it a little by using the Bob Dole technique of referring to one's self in the third person. Things like "Creamy don't like that" or "Let's throw some Cream into the mix." It's the acceptance that comes after the denial of every great nickname.

And to be perfectly honest, I'm jealous. Not that Creamy is the hippest nickname ever, but it is his. I'm fairly confident that he is the only person here at the university who is called "Creamy" by his friends.

He has something unique, something that makes him stand out. In a place where you're known as your first and last initials followed by six seemingly random numbers, a name like "Creamy" is a gift, not a burden.

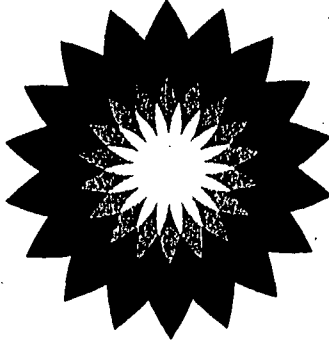
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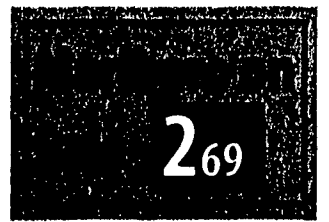
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On Saturday, Jan. 31, the Midland Empire Chapter of the American Red Cross will be offering an opportunity for friends and family of military service members in the Maryville area to send a video message to their soldier free of charge. Through new computer software, families can record up to a 10-minute video recording that can be sent to anywhere in the world.

Videos will be recorded at the local Red Cross office at 1212A Main Street in Maryville. Appointments are required and can be made by calling (816) 232-8439 or 1-800-378-8439.

MCCA invites public to annual planning meeting

Maryville Citizens for Community Action would like to invite you or a representative of your organization to attend an annual planning meeting Monday, Feb. 2, at the First Christian Church Fellowship Hall from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.

As a representative of a service club of resource agency you will have the opportunity to give a one-minute overview or the activities and services your organization provides to the community. Since time is limited, you are encouraged to bring handouts for about 35 people. At the conclusion of the presentations, we will facilitate a discussion to generate ideas for community projects and to identify community needs.

To participate, contact Tiffany at the Chamber of Commerce at 582-8643 by Friday, Jan. 30.

Knights of Columbus to sponsor free throw contest

All boys and girls ages 10-14 are invited to participate in this year's Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship this Sunday, Feb. 1, at the St. Gregory's Multipurpose Center located at 333 South Davis in Maryville. Registration will begin at 12:30 p.m., with the competition commencing promptly at 1 p.m. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. Students may pre-register through their Physical Education teacher or may register the day of the event.

Local Boy Scouts achieve national quality award

The Pony Express Council had over 15,000 youths participating in over 300 Scouting units as well as ending the year with over \$100,000 in its operating fund to make it one of only two Councils in the area to achieve the award of National Quality Council.

With the dedication of all the volunteers and Council President Mark Woodbury, the council was able to earn this recognition for the ninth year in a row.

Congressman Continues Mobile Office Tours

A member of Congressman Sam Graves' staff will hold a mobile office stop on Thursday, Jan. 28. Graves' mobile office will tour the District, giving constituents the opportunity to speak with a member of his staff.

"I have always believed you learn more by listening than talking," Graves said. "My priority in Congress is constituent service and the mobile office is an additional opportunity for me to stay in contact with people of the 6th District."

Donors needed for Community Blood Drive

An individual within the area that Community Blood Center serves needs a blood transfusion every four minutes.

Blood donors can help meet these local needs by appearing at the Maryville Community blood drive on Thursday, Jan. 29, from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church. To sign up, please call Carol Jean Osborn at 582-8967.

Parks and Rec sponsors Shoot Out competition

Maryville Parks and Recreation will be offering a Basketball Shoot-Out Competition on Saturday, Feb. 28, at the Maryville Community Center. Registration will take place from Jan. 26 until Feb. 23 at the Maryville Community Center. A \$10 entry fee per person is required at the time of registration. Participants will be grouped by ages for the competition.

Daddy/Daughter Dance to be held in February

Attention fathers, don't miss your chance to make a memory of a lifetime with your daughter on Feb. 13. The Daddy/Daughter Sweetheart Dance will begin at 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. at the Maryville Community Center. This special event is for young ladies age 12 and younger, with their dads, grandpas, uncles, or special escorts. Pre-registration is required. Please contact Maryville Parks and Recreation at 562-2923 to pre-register.

UNIVERSITY BRIEFS

Northwest welcomes young Science Olympiad

About 150 young scientists and their families from 12 northwest Missouri schools will visit the Northwest campus during the annual Junior High Science Olympiad. The event will take place Saturday, Jan. 31 in the Union Ballroom at 3 p.m.

Sponsored by Northwest's chemistry department, the national Olympiad is designed to get students involved in science at an early age and encourage them to possibly consider it as a career.

Albuquerque joins Northwest's articulation list

A formal agreement signed with Albuquerque (N.M.) Technical Vocational Institute this month makes it easier for ATVI students to transfer to Northwest.

The agreement requests that students with a 2.0 cumulative grade point average will complete their first two years at the ATVI and transfer to Northwest to complete a bachelor's degree in business management or accounting.

Northwest and ATVI coordinated the program to create greater flexibility and recognition of credits earned at the community college level. A maximum of 84 credit hours will be accepted by Northwest from ATVI to be applied to the bachelor's degree.

Party to benefit Zech Memorial Scholarship

Even though Chiefs didn't make it to the Super Bowl, the Maryville and Friends Chapter of the Northwest Alumni Association is still planning to celebrate with a viewing party. The party will begin at 4 p.m. at the Alumni House Sunday, Feb. 1. Contributions will benefit the Shawna Severson Zech Memorial Scholarship.

Music faculty to present fund-raising concert

Faculty members from the Northwest Department of Music will offer a faculty showcase performance in the Charles Johnson Theatre at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1.

The program will offer a variety of vocal and instrumental music to fundraise the department's Guest Artist series, currently in its first year. Admission is \$5.

Applications accepted for Forest Village Apartments

Residential Life is now taking applications to live in the new Forest Village Apartments to be opened in August. The applications are due by Jan. 30.

Each student who lives in the Forest Village Apartments and Tower Suites will be issued a notebook computer. Please call Residential Life at 562-1214 if you have any questions.

Insomniac's Dave Attell to perform in February

Comedian Dave Attell will bring his North American comedy tour to Maryville for a 7:30 p.m. performance on Monday, Feb. 9, in Northwest Missouri State University's Mary Linn Auditorium at the Performing Arts Center.

As the host of Comedy Central's late night show "Insomniac With Dave Attell," the comic is well known on the comedy circuit. He has also appeared on HBO, "The Late Show with David Letterman," "Late Night with Conan O'Brien," "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart" and "Everybody Loves Raymond."

Tickets are \$12 and are available at the Student Services Center in the Administration Building or by calling (660) 562-1212.

Northwest welcomes new faculty, staff members

Northwest Missouri State University welcomed several new faces during the spring trimester:

Leslie Chandler, coordinator, student orientation and transfer affairs

Jennifer Comer, associate director of admissions for operations

Zylpha Duffy, custodian, Rickenbrode Stadium

Ellen Ervin, technology coordinator, Transition to Teaching

Danton Green, groundskeeper

Tom Hall, director, environmental services

Brenda Jones, instructor, marketing/management

Kathy Karg-Eichler, secretary, counseling center

Robert Cager, pellet operator/driver

Roland Langford, custodian, Lamkin Activity Center

Kelly Manning, adjunct faculty, family and consumer sciences

Emily Picray, custodian, J.W. Jones Student Union

Jamie Robinette, media relations specialist, university relations

Dr. Cleo Samudzi, dean, Missouri Academy

Sheldon Scadden, electrician

Betty Schieber, fourth-grade teacher, Horace Mann

Amy Stiens, substance abuse counselor, TRAILS program

Curtis Sybert, temperature control specialist

Dr. Gretchen Thornsberry, part-time chemical technician manager

Rebekah Troyer, residential counselor, Missouri Academy

Northwest announces Fall Advanced Graduates

Dr. Frances Shipley, dean of the Graduate School at Northwest

Northwest Missouri State University announces the names of students completing advanced degrees at the conclusion of the 2003 fall trimester.

Degree recipients included two master of science (MS) degrees, 14 master of business administration (MBA) degrees, 28 master of science in education (MSEd) degrees and three education specialist (EdSpec) degrees.

Northwest's fall trimester master's degree graduates included:

IOWA
Chariton—M. Leroy Corder, MSEd-Educational Leadership: Secondary

Grimes—Scott Michael McKinley, MSEd-Health and Physical Education

Honey Creek—Monica Renee Harper, MBA (accounting emphasis)

Knoxville—Lori Ann Van Kloorwyk, MSEd-Educational Leadership: Elementary

Oskaloosa—Daniel Obermire, MSEd-Educational Leadership: Secondary

Ottumwa—David Dean Eaton, MSEd-Educational Leadership: Secondary

Shenandoah—Katie Bills Staton, MSEd-Special Education

Sigourney—Barbara E. Tornow, MSEd-Educational

Leadership: Elementary

MISSOURI

Barnard—Kelly Jo Pierson, MBA-Business Management (health management emphasis)

Bethany—Todd Merrill Willhite, EdSpec-Superintendency

Brashear—Nicole Renee, Mihalovich, MBA-Business Management

Bucklin—Michael Duane Head, MBA-Business Management

Cameron—Christopher Eckert, MBA-Business Management

Eagleville—Bill D. Portorff, MSEd-Educational Leadership: Secondary

Edina—Tracy Dawn Hamlin, MSEd-Teaching: Instructional Technology

Gladstone—Pugh, Rebecca Marie Pugh, MSEd-Educational Leadership: Elementary

Kansas City—William John Dennis, 9022 NE 91st Terr, 64157, MSEd-Educational Leadership: Secondary

King City—Kaysie Ann Tunks, MSEd-Teaching: Elementary

Kirksville—Marion Louise Spase, MSEd-Educational Leadership: Elementary

Lancaster—Darla Danette Veatch, MSEd-Educational Leadership: Elementary

Liberty—Ashley Jones, MSEd-Teaching: History; Rebecca Leigh Parks MSEd-Educational Leadership: Elementary; Wendy Christian Rust, MSEd-Educational Leadership: Elementary

Maryville—Charles M. Flohr, MSEd-Health and Physical Education; Dana LaShawn Nally, EdSpec-Elementary Principalship; Randi Kristeen Nielson, MSEd-Reading; Grant Michael Sutton, MBA-Business Management

Maysville—Jeff M. Hahn, MSEd-Health and Physical Education

Pleasant Hope—James Douglas Lawyer, EdSpec-Superintendency

Ravenwood—Laura E. Wideman, MS-Counseling

Savannah—Tammy Renee Steinkamp, MSEd-Teaching: Math

Shelbina—Lisa Ellen Moody, MSEd-Teaching: Instructional Technology

St. Joseph—Leslie Dunavant Brennan, MSEd-Reading; DeAnna Sue Adams Rodriguez, MSEd-Educational Leadership: Elementary

Trenton—Brandi Jill Ellis, MSEd-Teaching: Elementary (Self Contained); Susan René Smith, MSEd-Teaching: Science Education

Weston—Rita Pospisil, MSEd-Reading

NEBRASKA
Palmyra—Amanda Ann Sigwing, MBA (accounting emphasis)

Wilber—Travis Joseph Gerlach, MS-Agriculture

SOUTH DAKOTA
Scotland—Emily Ann Gemar Firchau, MSEd-Educational Leadership: Secondary

ECUADOR
Quito—Larrea Paez, Diego Marcelo Larrea Paez, MBA (MIS emphasis)

COLOMBIA
Bogata—Edgar Hernan Otero, MBA-Business Management

FRANCE
Charleville—Anne-Laure Marie Cabanis, 15 Rue Du Cure Meslier, MBA-Business Management

Montjoie—Ludvine Schmitt, MBA-Business Management

INDIA
Bangalore—Sa Prakash Jayaramu, MBA (MIS emphasis)
New Delhi—Puneet Bansal, MBA KENYA
Karatina—Humphrey Wangai Mararo, MBA-Business Management

PUBLIC SAFETY

Jan. 14

■ An officer served a Maryville Municipal warrant on Rachel N. Sipes, 18, for failure to appear. She was transported to Nodaway County Jail where she was held in lieu of bond.

Jan. 15

■ An officer received a report from a business in the 300 block of North Market of an individual using a fake ID. Heidy A. Robertson, 20, Lake St. Louis, Mo., was issued a summons for possession of an altered driver's license.

Jan. 16

■ An officer received a report from a male individual that someone had damaged the WWII monument in the 300 block of North Main.

■ An officer received a report from a male individual that a window had been damaged in the 300 block of East Summit Drive.

■ An officer received a report of a fight in the 300 block of North Main. Zoe B. Shunick, 20, Maryville, was issued a summons for assault.

■ Officers received a report of a peace disturbance in the 200 block of West Seventh. Upon arrival, Joshua R. Baumberger, 19, Maryville, was issued a summons for minor in possession.

Jan. 17

■ An officer received a report from a male individual that someone had removed the driver's side mirror from his vehicle while it was parked in the 800 block of North Fillmore.

■ An officer received a report from a female individual that her tire had been damaged while parked in the 300 block of North Laura.

■ While on patrol in the 800 block of East Jenkins, an officer observed several illegally parked cars. Upon making contact with the residence, Brian J. Spale, 21, Maryville, was issued a summons for permitting a peace disturbance.

Jan. 18

■ An officer towed an illegally parked black Ford from the 300 block of West First. Boyles Motors towed the vehicle.

■ While on patrol in the 600 block of North Walnut, an officer observed two male individuals urinating in public. Jason M. Bishop, 20, Maryville and Brian J. Oxley, 22, Maryville, were issued summonses for indecent exposure.

■ While on patrol in the 400 block of West Third, an officer observed a vehicle traveling with all four doors open. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Brandon G. Schoen, 20, Beatrice, Neb. He was issued a summons for resisting arrest by flight and minor in possession.

■ An officer received a report from a male individual that his wallet had been lost or stolen from a business in the 1600 block of South Main.

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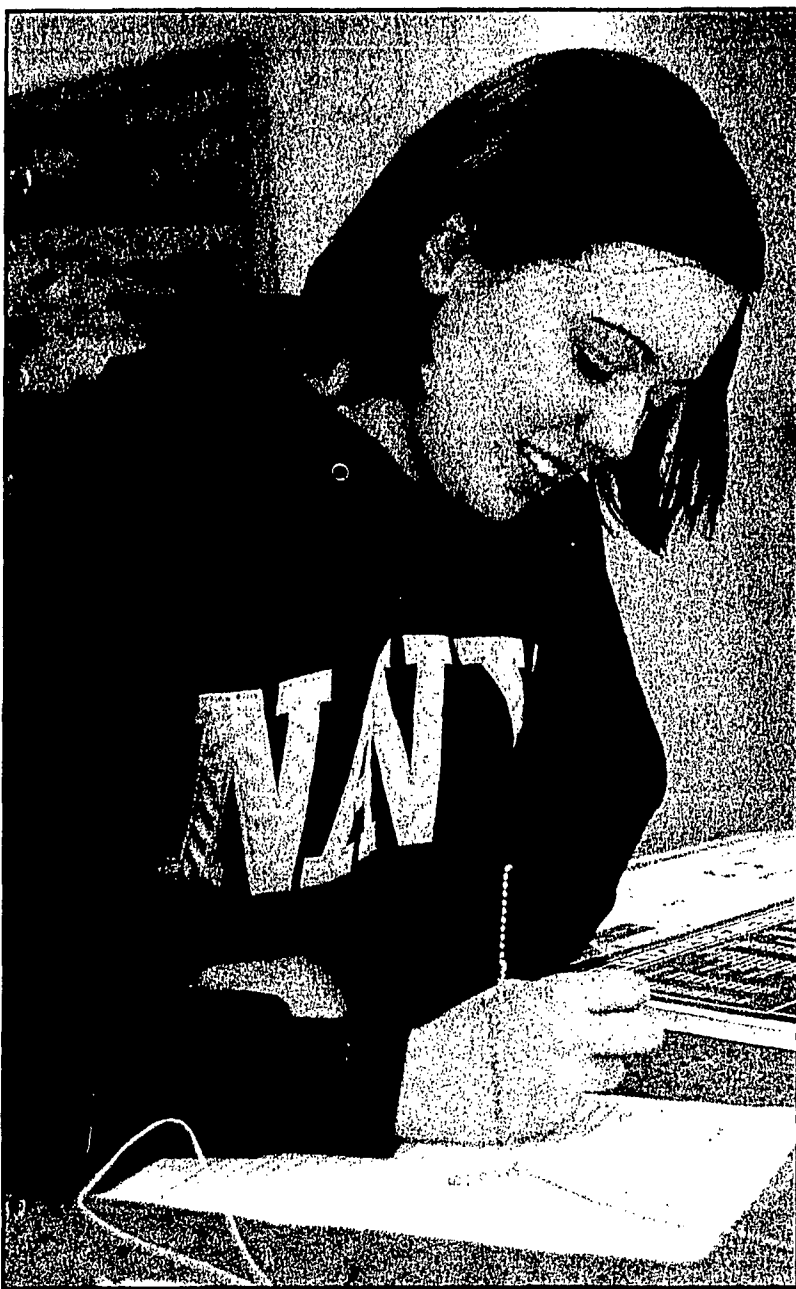


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Maryville High School senior Katie Wood is active in community service, athletics and 3.9 GPA. She was nominated to the Naval Academy by Congressman Sam Graves last week.

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Graves nominates Maryville High School student to U.S. Naval Academy

National Forensics League. She also teaches Sunday school at St. Gregory's Church, in addition to being the sound technician for the Nodaway County Community Theatre group.

Wood has dreamed of a military career since the seventh grade. If admitted to the Academy, Wood plans on majoring in political science and then studying surface warfare.

Although Wood knew she wanted to be in the military, she wasn't quite sure which branch. However, a weeklong visit to the Naval Academy last summer changed all of that.

"Originally, I just wanted to go to a service academy," Wood said. "I knew I wanted to be in the military, I just wasn't sure where. But I knew it was the best place to be trained, and after I went to the

summer seminar, I was just sold on it completely."

Graves said not only was he very impressed with Wood's academic record, but her natural leadership abilities as well.

"This is one thing I really enjoy about my job. I hope the Naval Academy takes Katie. To see somebody who is bright and develop into a future leader is fantastic."

SAM GRAVES
CONGRESSMAN

Graves also expressed pride in the country's youth, saying Wood is just one of many bright spots that he has seen in the next generation of American citizens.

"We're training future leaders for our military and our country," Graves said. "I think it says a lot for our country that we have such a great generation coming up."

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Effects of rural meth prove devastating

"I'd basically take a shot in the morning to make it through the school day, one after school before work and one after work," she said. "I tried to leave the weekends for sleep, because during the week I also had to stay up to party, or at least I thought I did."

From November 2002 to May 2003, Dee used heavily and was fairly successful at keeping her secret from family and old friends, despite spending nearly \$1,000 a week to support the habit. A dealer she knew kept her supplied with a quarter of a gram daily. She never knew what exactly was in the drug, and she didn't care.

"I never really questioned it," she said. "The high was basically all that mattered." Her parents, a farmer and teacher highly respected within the community, remained oblivious.

Long-term consequences soon took effect. The chemicals in the drug damaged her teeth. She lost weight. Remaining awake for days on end caused her to hallucinate. She saw bugs in her skin that she dug at for hours, leaving a roadmap of sores and scars. She believed federal agents were hiding in the bushes. Her friends began to look like demons. She saw children in Halloween costumes crossing the street in the middle of summer. After a two-week binge, she forgot who she was. Her friends restrained her as she tried to escape, confused and terrified from lack of sleep.

"I was crying, I was super scared," she said.

By age 17, everyone in Dee's life was aware of her habit and had tried unsuccessfully to help. She dropped out of school and moved into an apartment. She continued to use, despite watching friends and neighbors go to jail for possessing or cooking meth. In May 2003, her parents forced her to an "Archison," Kan. rehab clinic. The 28 days spent detoxifying her body of the drug were among the most painful she can recall.

"It was so hard," she recalls. "Physically, you're just so upset all the time and pretty much mad at the world. Mentally, you just feel like you need it, and you can't have it."

Dee spent her first days in rehab physically sick. Her body craving the drug, she suffered from aches and sore muscles. By June, her body detoxified. Dee returned to her parents' home, but by September, eventually found herself using every weekend. "She continues to spend \$150 per weekend on her habit, but she doesn't con-

sider the rehab attempt a failure. Instead, she considers herself a success for now knowing how to control her habit. Besides, she said, she'll be in control of whether she stops.

"If you tried to make me quit, I'd probably laugh at you and keep doing it anyway," she said. "(Rehab counselors) basically tried to make me quit before and I laughed at them."

Dee insists, however, that it is her—and her alone—who is in control. Not meth.

"It's still just a weekend party thing," she said. "I'm not overwhelmed by it. I could quit if I wanted to."

If Lori Eck has heard it once, she's heard it a thousand times.

"I'm not overwhelmed by it. I could quit if I wanted to."

But in her experience as a substance abuse counselor for the Family Guidance Center of St. Joseph, Mo., Eck knows better.

"It's true that quitting depends on desire, and if clients don't have that desire to quit, it's not too likely that they'll be successful," she said. "They really have to see how this drug has destroyed their life and relationships with family."

Eck has counseled many addicts who have failed to see the consequences.

There was a 20-year-old man who, because meth had rotted away his teeth, already wears dentures.

One meth manufacturer lost his eye to a chemical explosion. Another blew up his own garage.

There are the dozens of clients who sit in their homes, sacrificing heat, electricity or food for a quick fix.

All fail to recognize the severity of their problem, Eck said.

"It fills a void, and if you're not using anymore, you've got to fill that void," Eck said. "It's a cycle, and people don't see how damaging it is. It takes them awhile to actually take a look at their life, if they do. It's like they have blinders."

Locally, Nodaway County Sheriff Ben Espey has seen, felt and smelled the effects of methamphetamine. Addicts who are arrested are often brought into the jail's mandatory detoxification unit, rarely before putting up a fight. Nearly every time, he said, the results are nothing short of disturbing.

"They don't eat. They don't sleep. They get delirious and will scratch their arms badly, thinking bugs will come out of their arms. They see snakes on the floor and they think people are trying to blow them up."

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Regents address merger concerns at Town Hall meeting

Mary Throener explained the importance of reviewing the retirement plans offered and giving faculty and staff enough time to decide. Some faculty and staff have the options to stay with MOSERS retirement plan while others may not. The 90-day stipulation decreases the confusion of plan changes during a long period of time.

Other topics such as budget distribution, program cuts, business contracts and teacher responsibilities were addressed as well.

"No programs will be cut as a re-

sult of the merger," Barnes said. "Teaching will remain our strong focus."

At the end of the meeting all questions were answered and faculty, staff and students had a better understanding of the MOU.

"I was positive before I went to the meeting, but now I feel even better about it," Virabhai said. "This may be good for community and the Northwest economy. I definitely feel there will be benefits from this."

While Virabhai was positive,

Espey said, "It's a sad situation, and if it gets bad enough, we have to take them to the mental health unit at St. Francis Hospital if we can't control them here. All too often, it happens."

Espey said his department deals with methamphetamine-related arrests on average of three to seven times monthly. Not every arrest is directly associated with the possession of the drug, many are theft-related incidents or result from the purchase of materials at local department stores. Anhydrous Ammonia, a common ingredient in home-cooked meth, is frequently stolen from MFA supply stores and farmers' property. The rash of thefts have provoked business owners to install cameras or schedule patrols to guard the chemicals.

However, Espey said the most devastating effect of meth is the toll taken on the most innocent victims.

"What we see all the time is how it hurts the children when their parents are using. We're so sorry for those kids," Espey said. "I've been here 19 years and a lot of people I've dealt with from the beginning. I'm still dealing with now in their methamphetamine use. It's a way of life for them, it's very difficult to get off meth and the kids are in the middle of that."

Only if it's not the kids themselves who are using.

Sure, there are some regrets, Dee admits, but she's looking toward the future.

She quit school, but she's now working toward her GED. She'd also one day like to get a secondary degree.

Meth has alienated most of her extended family, but her parents and grandparents, unaware of her post-rehab drug use, remain supportive.

Addiction withdrew her almost completely from her old friends, but current friends—albeit fellow users—are just as supportive.

Dee often thinks about going back to the way things were before rehab, where days and nights blended together like watercolors, where a constant feeling of power and energy brought on by meth left her on top of the world.

"I think about going back," she said. "But I'm determined not to let myself."

Determined, perhaps, because the lows of regret and disappointment may for once outweigh the highs brought about by meth.

"I did basically mess up my teenage years," she said. "I had to grow up so fast. Real fast."

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Missouri lobbyists seek to pass traffic bill

one of several states in which existing statutes do not prohibit the interruption of traffic flow.

"It's difficult to detect if they're using it," Engler said. "This will make it illegal to possess it. But there's no reason for them to even have one."

This bill will ban the possession, use and sale of MIRTs by non-emergency personnel. Violating this proposed law would result in a class A misdemeanor.

Rep. Brad Lager, who is also on Missouri's Transportation and Motor Vehicles committee, agrees with Engler about the dangers of MIRTs in the public's possession.

"Clearly, there's a definite problem," Lager said. "The theory that the device is to be used in conjunction with an emergency vehicle is sound. The problem is that I can't conceptually understand when someone would need (a MIRT) other than that case. There's a greater level of danger with playing with the smooth and proper flow of traffic."

Lager applauded Engler's initiative to prevent the issue from becoming a bigger problem.

"I think Kevin Engler has a solid concept and I look forward to seeing (the proposed bill) enter the process," Lager said.

According to Engler, the bill will be part of a large comprehensive crime bill and will be addressed during Missouri's legislative session, which ends in June.

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City Council addresses local improvements

there on future developing.

"The benefits are that we can tweak these as we go, going two at a time," Mayor Pro Team Michael Thompson said.

The council suggested the cabins have a metal roof, for easier maintenance, and using a wood lamination for the floors. But final approval is needed after a formal proposal to the council on Feb. 9.

Also addressed was the council's option to opt out of the sales tax holiday Aug. 12 and 13. The council discussed both the pros and cons of the state holiday, in which some consumer goods can be purchased without a city tax. According to Mayor Ron Moss, many cities, including St. Joseph and Sedalia, have already opted out because of the loss in potential local revenue is projected at \$50 to \$60 million state-wide. Moss proposed that if the city did opt out, there is the possibility of some sort of citywide sale.

Thompson wanted more information on how much this could potentially save a lower income family.

"It's the targeted population that I'm concerned about," Thompson said. "If this could help them, I'd have to think about it."

The council will hold a vote on Feb. 9 to finalize the city's possible participation.

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Betsy Lee
FEATURES EDITOR

"He would hit me, kick me, throw me down stairs. It didn't matter what I did or didn't do, I just couldn't do anything right."

Wendy Little-Elk has lived in fear for most of her life. When she was a child, her parents would hit her, shove her head into the toilet and even tie her to a clothesline outside. As an adult, she suffered through two abusive marriages, including one that resulted in almost monthly emergency room visits.

"I count my blessings, everyday. I'm grateful to be alive," Little-Elk said. "I could have died at anytime."

YEARS OF ABUSE

Throughout her lifetime, Little-Elk estimates that she has had every bone in her body broken. Growing up, she feared her parents, especially her mother. When her mother died of cancer when Little-Elk was 13, she remembers feeling somewhat grateful.

"I blamed myself because for a long time, I had prayed for her to die," she said. "She was the meanest of the two."

Little-Elk remembers going to school with bruises and black eyes, but she never disclosed her family secret. Over time, she began to equate love with abuse.

THROUGH THE DEPTHS OF PAIN

One-third of all women report being physically or sexually abused. This is Wendy's story.

"When I was younger, I thought a person beating you was how they showed that they loved you," Little-Elk said. "From then on I picked people who were abusive because I thought they loved me."

When Little-Elk was courted by her first husband, she had no idea that he had the potential to be an abuser.

"Most abusers don't start out being abusive," said counselor Bren Managuth, who contracts with the Northwest Children and Family Center. "Most start out being charming and loving."

It wasn't until Little-Elk was married and pregnant with their first child that the abuse began. Throughout their seven-year marriage she sustained a broken jaw, broken ribs and countless other injuries. He even pulled a gun on her, threatening to end her life. While Little-Elk endured the relentless physical abuse, she was also degraded sexually.

"Even when I was pregnant, he would force me to have sex," Little-Elk said. "He would tie me up and use stuff like beer bottles."

Little-Elk had three children throughout their marriage, sometimes suffering the worst abuse while she was pregnant.

"I guess the worst was when he shoved me down the stairs and we about lost me and my second son," she explained.

Little-Elk was eight months pregnant at the time. Throughout her marriage, she said she tried to leave several times, but Little-Elk was always coaxed into the returning.

"My father would come to get me and I'd leave with the kids," she said. "But he would always come by and say that he loved me and wouldn't hurt me again."

Domestic abuse advocate Shelly Gudhe said leaving an abusive relationship is extremely difficult. Women must uproot their entire lives, leaving their home and facing the stigma of being an abused woman. Often, according to Gudhe, women feel scared, shameful and sad.

"It takes a very strong person to be able to leave the situation for good," Gudhe said.

According to Managuth, statistics show that women face a seven-time greater risk of being harmed when they attempt to leave an abusive relationship.

"It's a pretty scary prospect," Managuth said. "Women realize that they have a greater chance of getting hurt or killed when they try to leave."

For Little-Elk, this fear was a definite reality.

"It's hard for people to understand why you put up with it," she said. "It's either you do, or you get the snot beat out of you."

BREAKING FREE

A neighbor helped Little-Elk find the courage to finally leave her husband. Instead of going to her father's house, she went to a shelter in Alliance, Neb. The result, however, was disastrous for her family.

The shelter put her up in a hotel room, but somehow her husband found her. When he came to the hotel room, he left with the children. Little-Elk tried to get her children back, but she had little to invest in an attorney.

"I tried to get custody, but he had this big powerful lawyer and I couldn't compete," she said. "It was very hard. I spent a lot of my years drinking because I couldn't be with my kids."

Managuth said the reason many women struggle to leave their abusive hus-

bands is because they fear losing their kids. Little-Elk was able to see her kids during summers and on some weekends, but she was unable to break the cycle of abuse.

Her 19-year-old daughter is currently involved in an abusive relationship. Little-Elk tried to help her leave her boyfriend, but her words didn't get through.

"She said, 'Mom, you don't understand. I love him.' I told her, 'I know you think you love him, but that's not what love is,'" Little-Elk said.

Her daughter is now homeless and Little-Elk doesn't know how to contact her.

For Little-Elk, the journey to recovery began only recently. She moved to Maryville in June of 2003 with

her second husband. When she found the strength to leave her second abusive relationship, she went to the Northwest Children and Family Center. While living at the center, she went to counseling and took out a restraining order against her husband.

"He tried to get me to get back together and I actually thought about it," Little-Elk said. "But I couldn't do it because who knows, I may end up dead next time around."

Counseling is a key in ending the cycle of abusive relationships. Managuth said that counselors of domestic violence victims work on rebuilding self-esteem and overcoming other barriers.

A HELPING HAND

Counseling is just one of the resources provided by the Northwest Children and Family Center. First, the center will get victims medical attention if needed. The center also offers women and children a place to live during their period of transition. Domestic violence advocates help victims find employment and a new place to live. They even help victims furnish their homes with furniture donated by the community. The center assisted 380 clients last year alone.

"It's an incredibly valuable place, because it's a place where people can go to get help and learn that there is a different way to love," Managuth said.

Managuth said the location is especially helpful because domestic violence victims in rural areas are often even more isolated than city-dwelling victims.

"I know women who have run out into fields under the cover of darkness to hide," Managuth said. "A lot of people have no neighbors."

For Little-Elk, a Maryville resident, the center remains a haven for her recovery. She lived at the center for a month, where she was allowed to keep her cat, Red Rock. "They knew I would be lost without my cat," she said.

Now in a new, secure apartment, Little-Elk attends weekly support group meetings and stops by the center often. She uses the support group, Women In Need Gaining Support (WINGS) to express her problems and share her story. She hopes that sharing her story will help others and further her healing process.

"WINGS is a great resource for abused women," Little-Elk said. "It's helped me so much to share my story."

Attending WINGS has further inspired Little-Elk. She now shares her story with women all over Maryville, even her hairdresser. She gives out the shelter's number and her personal cell phone number, hoping to help others.

Little-Elk does this in the name of personal growth and as a way to give back to the center.

"They helped me so much and I've been trying to help them in return," she said. "It takes a lot of courage to take that first step. You've just got to have hope."

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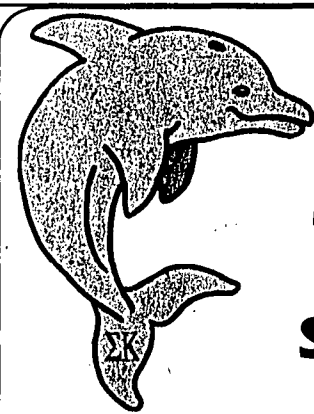
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INSIDE

Freshman Victor James has made big waves for the Bearcats this season.

The Texas native averages 7.6 points per game while leading the nationally ranked Bearcats in shooting percentage.

To read more about James and his nickname, along with his strong performance during his sophomore campaign turn to page 2B.



James

THIS WEEKEND

Northwest Men

at Southwest Baptist

Where: Southwest Baptist University, Bolivar, Mo.

When: 3:30 p.m. following the Northwest womens game

Last time: Northwest came away with a 85-65 victory to open up the MIAA season.

Kelvin Parker and Jesse Shaw combined for 49 points to help improve the Bearcats to 1-0 in the MIAA.



Parker

Why does it matter? Northwest has been flawless on the road so far. Looking at the schedule, this could be a game the Bearcats could overlook as they prepare for a trip to Warrensburg the following Wednesday.

Northwest Women

at Southwest Baptist

Where: Southwest Baptist University, Bolivar, Mo.

When: 1:30 p.m.

Last time: The green and white Bearcats came away with an 80-68 win in the conference opener.

Sarah Vollertsen led four Bearcats in double figures with 16 points. Vollertsen also had eight boards in the victory.



Vollertsen

Why does it matter? Northwest has only played one tough road game in the MIAA. The Bolivar trip starts a chain of three-straight tough road games for the Bearcats including trips to Warrensburg and Emporia, Kan.

SPOOFHOUND SUMMARIES

TUESDAY NIGHT

Maryville Boys vs. Cameron

- Game called due to weather

Maryville Girls vs. Benton

- Game called due to weather

Northwest men hold off late Mule charge; Parker leads all scorers with 23 points

By BILL KNUST
SENIOR REPORTER

No one will forget former Bearcat guard Scott Fleming, but junior Sky Wilson is doing a good job of replacing him, so far.

Wilson and senior guard Kelvin Parker combined for 41 points in Northwest's 68-58 win over Central Missouri State University Wednesday.

The Indio, Calif., native scored 18 points, grabbed six rebounds and had four assists, while Parker led the way with a game-high 23 points, six assists and four boards.

Although Parker had 23 points, men's head coach Steve

Tappmeyer still wants to see better focus from the senior leader.

"I thought he played well, but he's played better," Tappmeyer said. "I didn't think he had his greatest focus tonight and we kind of go with him, but we played well enough for us to beat a good team."

Northwest led 14-12 midway through the first half when Mules coach Kim Anderson received a technical foul after protesting a foul on Wilson.

The technical spurred Northwest to a 23-8 run to close the first half. The run gave Northwest a 37-20 lead at the half, and it appeared the game

would end like the last eight between the two teams. During those eight games Northwest has won by a combined score of 80-59.

But the Mules did not give up. They went on a 13-3 run to start the second half and cut the Northwest lead to seven points, 40-33.

"We didn't come out lackadaisical," Parker said. "If you look, we got two good shots right off the bat, but we just didn't hit them. But I think we can come out and pick it up some more, two or three notches at least."

After shooting an abysmal 17 percent in the first half, the Mules found their stroke, hit-

ting 48 percent of their shots in the second, while Northwest could not by a bucket, making only eight shots in the second half.

The team also had problems guarding Central big man Pat Schumacher. The six-foot, 11-inch center had 20 points and 18 rebounds.

"Man, him and (Missouri-Rolla center) Brian Westre are the two toughest big men to guard in this league," said Northwest junior forward Byron Jackson, sporting a black eye from a Schumacher elbow.

The Mules erased a 17-point first half deficit to two points twice in the second half. The



Head coach Steve Tappmeyer barks out instructions to his players during a first half timeout. Northwest came away with the MIAA victory 68-58.

most impressive of the runs was an 8-0 run after Northwest had built a 52-42 lead.

But 54-52 was the closest the Mules would get as Northwest used timely shots and stellar free throw shooting to hold on.

Wilson was nine-for-nine from the line and the Bearcats shot 80 percent overall.

Making shots from the charity stripe is something Wilson takes pride in.

"I try to go 100 percent from the line, but I am more like 80 percent this year, so I just have to pick it up," Wilson said. "Free throws are big, they help put the nail in the coffin, so to speak."

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Erica Hatterman hauls in a long pass during Wednesday night's win over Central Missouri State University. Hatterman led the Bearcats with 14 points.

'Cats blow by Jennies; stay in second place

Hatterman scores 14; Bearcats hold Mules to 16 first half points

By COLE YOUNG
SPORTS EDITOR

What started out as the ugliest game in recent memory turned into an easy MIAA win over Central Missouri State University.

Paced by senior guard Erica Hatterman's 14 points, the Bearcats improved their record to 15-3 overall and 8-1 in conference play in the 71-42 win.

At the midway point in the first half, the Bearcats led only 11-9.

"No one could shoot," head coach Gene Steinmeyer said. "It was the first team that could break away from the pack that was going to win it. We had a little leftover from Emporia, where we couldn't make any shots, but we also played some good defense."

Northwest extended their lead to as many as 15 in the first half behind six first half points from senior point guard Jane Chalmers.

The Bearcats held a 28-16 lead at the half. The 16 points was the lowest a team has been held to this season by Northwest.

The second half was more of the same for the Bearcats, who took control of the game thanks to a three-pointer off the glass by Hatterman.

"When I shot it, I knew it was going to bank in," Hatterman said. "We started playing a little bit, rolling in our offense, and things went well from there."

Hatterman's 14 points led a trio of scorers in double figures. Jenna Wolfe and Laura Friederich came off the bench to score 10 points each.

The Bearcats outscored the Jennies 23-5 from the bench.

Northwest does not have much time to make adjustments against the Jennies. They travel to Warrensburg next Wednesday in a rematch.

Steinmeyer said he felt the big win was nice to have when there is such a short turnaround.

"(The win) made a statement," Hatterman said. "It showed them what we are made of. It's a good way to show them we can go back and do the same thing."

STUDENT of the game

Standout hurdler puts the word student into student-athlete

By JEROME BOETTCHER
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Time after time student athletes get a bad rap. There are the scandals; rumors of teachers letting athletes off easy because they need to play, or simply an athlete's reluctance to help the team.

However, once in awhile there comes along an athlete who has it all—the grades, the good personality traits, a strong work ethic and a clear picture of what he or she plans to do in the future.

Cue Joel Terry. A fifth year senior at Northwest, Terry's sport is track and his major is pre-professional zoology.

That's right, pre-professional zoology. Terry manages to maintain a 3.61 cumulative GPA and provisionally qualify for nationals in track.

"The summer before I started (school) I was worried about my classes," Terry said. "When I came in, it wasn't as bad as I thought."

Joel Terry the athlete

A native of nearby Grant City where he has ran track since junior high, Terry was one of the first athletes to try to get indoor track at his high school.

"Once I started (running), it just came natural. I got used to it and I put forth more effort."

Terry admitted the team wasn't too competitive, but it instead was started to prepare the team for outdoor track. He also ran in the Amateur Athletic Union.

His specialty is hurdling. He's the captain of the team's hurdlers and runs the 55 and 60-meter high hurdles in indoor track and runs the 400-meter hurdles in outdoor track. Terry sometimes runs a 400, 600 and the 4x400 relay. (Please see "Hurdler" page 3B)



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Senior hurdler Joel Terry

Women appear in national poll for first time

Bearcats ranked No.22, Emporia jumps to No.2

By COLE YOUNG
SPORTS EDITOR

The Northwest women's basketball team made their appearance in the national rankings when they were released by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association on Tuesday.

Northwest is ranked

No.22 in the nation with score of 72-58.

Washburn ranks No.10 in the WBCA association. The 15-2 Lady Blues fell from No.9 the previous week.

The Bearcats knocked them off earlier in the season 67-59.

Central Missouri State and Missouri Western received two and one votes respectively.



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The men remained in

their previous spot of No. 2 in the nation. Tarleton State (Texas) remains at the top of the Division II poll.

Washburn is the only other men's team ranked in the top 25, coming in at the No.7 spot.

The Ichabods defeated the Bearcats 72-63 in Northwest's only loss. Both squads are back in action this weekend when they travel to Bolivar to take on Southwest Baptist.

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COMING UP

ON FRIDAY Spoofs and Savages

The Maryville boys host the Benton Cardinals in a Midland Empire matchup. The 'Hounds are coming off a loss to Chillicothe last Friday night.

ON SATURDAY Back on the road

The Northwest men and womens teams head to Bolivar to take on Southwest Baptist University. The games mark the start of the second half of the MIAA season.

1. Tarleton State
2. Northwest Missouri State
3. Pfeiffer
4. Humboldt State
5. Metropolitan State
6. Valdosta State
7. Washburn
8. South Dakota State
9. Christian Brothers
10. Florida Gulf Coast
11. Nebraska-Kearney
12. Southern Indiana
13. Francis Marion
14. Cal State-San Bernardino
15. Lewis
16. Michigan Tech
17. Queens (N.C.)
18. Brigham Young-Hawaii
19. Colorado Christian
20. Indianapolis
21. Lenoir-Rhyne
22. Bowie State
23. Cal State-Bakersfield
24. Massachusetts-Lowell
25. Ouachita Baptist

Freshman takes his thick sauce to the basketball floor

By BILL KNUST
SENIOR REPORTER

Coaches call him Vic or Victor, but his teammates call him Thick Sauce.

Say what? Yep, Thick Sauce. The nickname has nothing to do with his skills in the kitchen, but rather his supposed "handles" on the court.

Northwest redshirt freshman Victor James' nickname was given to him last year as he worked with the scout team during practice.

"I liked to do a lot of dribbling, try and crossover people, do behind the back passes, jump in the air and pass the ball and take wild shots," James said. "There is an And-1 player named Hot Sauce who did the same things and I was on the thick side, so they called me Thick Sauce."

While James has worked to tone down his style of play to fit head coach Steve Tappmeyer's system, he is still fighting the urge to cross somebody up and throw a behind the back pass for an easy layup.

"It's tough on me because I have played that way so much, including summer ball," James said. "But coach Tapp stayed on me and I can really see the benefit because his system works. Plus, that style isn't going to earn many minutes on the Bearcat team."

The self-described role player has fit in well after using his freshman year to fit into the team and hone his skills. He has led the team twice

in scoring against Lincoln University (16 points) and against Central Oklahoma University (18 points). He is also averaging nearly 17 minutes a game, sixth on the team and is shooting 59 percent from the field.



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That 59 percent isn't layups or dunks either. James has hit shots from all over the floor and seems to have found his niche shot at the elbow of the free-throw line.

"We expect that out of Victor," Northwest senior guard Kelvin Parker said. "Yeah, he's a freshman, but we know he can do a lot of things."

But, teams are picking up on his

success from the field, James said. Doing the little things will be necessary to keep being successful, he said.

"I have to continue to cut harder off screens and move better without the ball," James said.

While James sat and watched last year, two important things happened for him. He learned to hate losing and he developed a close friendship with junior forward Byron Jackson.

"We always go at it at practice and get into each other's heads," James said. "But, when it comes to getting on the floor, we have nothing but love for each other. That's my brother and we are going to go

for that. Contacted at 562-1224 or bknuist@missourianonline.com

1. California (Pa.) University
2. Emporia State
3. Drury University
4. Seattle Pacific
5. North Dakota
6. Glenville State
8. North Florida
8. Angelo State
9. South Dakota State
10. Washburn
11. Quincy
12. North Dakota State
13. Concordia-St. Paul
14. Georgia College & State
15. South Dakota
16. Shaw
17. Armstrong Atlantic State
18. Merrimack
19. Augusta (Ga.) State
20. California State-Bakersfield
21. Northeastern State
22. Northwest Missouri State
23. Bellarmine
24. Rollins
25. Clark Atlanta

1. Washburn (16-0)
2. Northwest (16-1)
3. Tarleton St. (15-2)
4. Emporia St. (14-3)
5. Southwestern Okl. St. (12-5)
6. Midwestern St. (12-5)
7. Eastern New Mexico (11-6)
8. Central Missouri St. (13-4)
9. St. Mary's (Tex.) (13-6)
10. Texas A&M-Kingsville (12-6)

Points:
Kelvin Parker 18.8 ppg
Austin Meyer 12.2 ppg

Rebounds:
Byron Jackson 8.1 rpg
Jesse Shaw 4.4 rpg

Steals:
Parker 2.0 steals
Shaw 1.7 steals

Assists:
Parker 4.9 assists
Wilson 14.1 assists



Jackson



Southwest Baptist University
3:30 p.m. Saturday
Bolivar



Central Missouri State University
7:30 p.m. Wednesday
Warrensburg



Emporia State University
7:30 p.m. Feb. 4
Emporia, Kan.

Experience and youth team up, create strong inside presence

By COLE YOUNG
SPORTS EDITOR

Upon looking at the box scores from the Northwest women's basketball games, it's apparent that one part of the team seems to dominate the scoring and rebounding categories.

The center and forward positions for the Bearcats combine for 42.4 points per game of the team's 78.9 total points.

While that may not seem like a huge accomplishment, the scoring is coming from five different players.

Seniors Katie Scherer, Sarah Vollertsen and Jenna Wolfe, junior Ashley Poptanycz and freshman Ashley Freerksen combine to form a five-headed monster that arguably makes up the best frontcourt in the MIAA.

Taking care of the work inside the paint is something that the group takes pride in.

"There are five of us responsible for things," Vollertsen said. "If we aren't rebounding, then chances are the team isn't rebounding. It's a large responsibility that we are more than happy to take on."

The five of them each have their own specialties when it comes to playing on the inside.

The freshman of the group may be the youngest, but on the offensive end, she appears a seasoned veteran. In high school she played

guard, which is evident by her passing skills.

"Freerksen's strength is in her offense," head coach Gene Steinmeyer said. "We are making her into a post. I don't think she likes it, but I think she is getting used to it."

Two other players have provided electricity for the Bearcats when their numbers have been called to come off the bench.

"Katie and Jenna have real sparks," Vollertsen said.

Scherer made that evident against Emporia State by coming in and trying to help the Bearcats mount an early run in the second half.

In addition, Wolfe has provided defense when Vollertsen has went out with foul trouble.

A member of last year's All-MIAA defensive team, Wolfe helped plug defensive holes against Washburn.

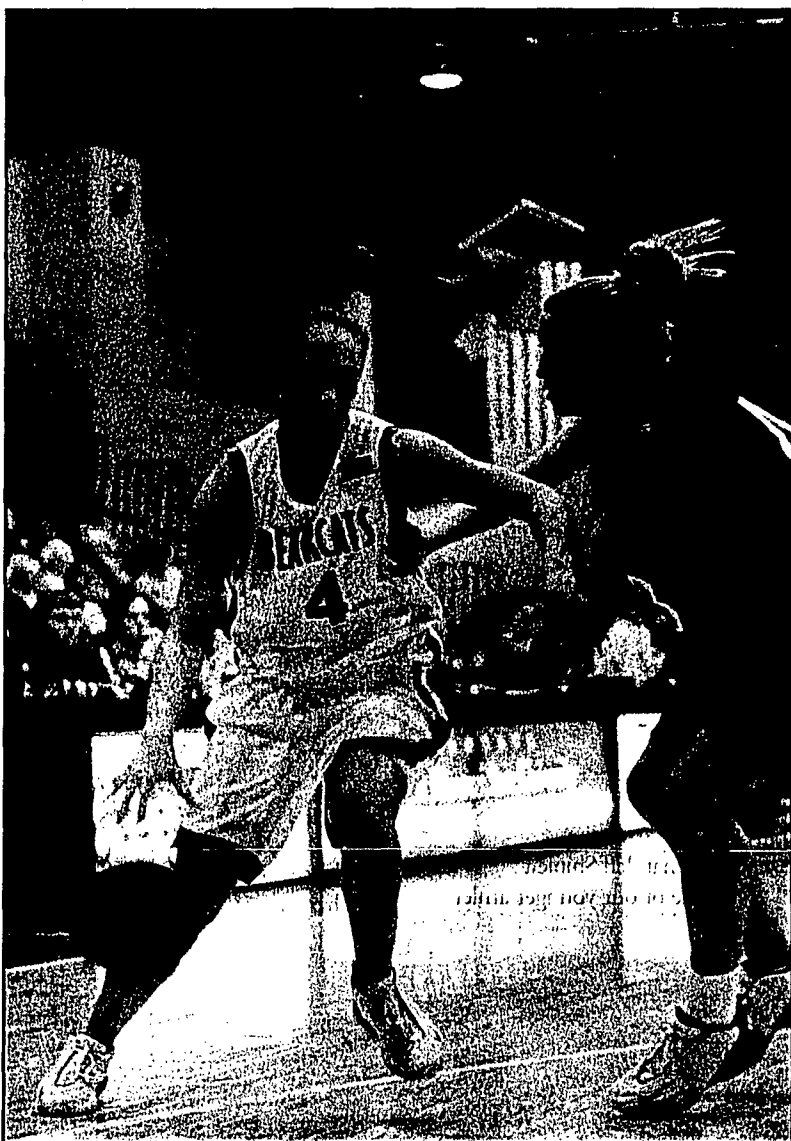
Vollertsen said Wolfe and the rest of the post players' defense has been what has helped them jump out to a strong start in the conference season.

"Against Washburn I went down early with fouls," Vollertsen said. "The others came in and stepped up. The scoring they provided on offense was nice, but the stopping they did on the defensive end is what wins us the game."

Though Poptanycz and Vollertsen are the starters, Steinmeyer often worries if he has put the right players in at the right time to complement each other.



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FILE PHOTO

Senior forward Jenna Wolfe drives to the basket against Washburn. Wolfe has split time as a starter and on the bench as a part of the deep Bearcat frontcourt.

"It has caused a dilemma," he said. "I have one too many people to rotate in there. I'm really questioning if I'm getting the right players enough minutes."

While some may think it is a good problem to have, Steinmeyer

tries to keep everything in perspective.

"I just want to have the most effective squad on the floor," he said.

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1. Emporia St. (15-0)
2. Angelo St. (16-0)
3. Drury (20-1)
4. Northwest (14-3)
5. Washburn (15-2)
6. West Texas A&M (15-2)
7. Missouri Western (13-4)
8. Northeastern St. (13-4)
9. Midwestern St. (12-4)
10. Central Missouri St. (12-5)

Points:
Sarah Vollertsen 14.0 ppg
Laura Friederich 10.8 ppg

Rebounds:
Vollertsen 8.1 rpg
Poptanycz 6.9 rpg

Steals:
Jane Chalmers 2.5 steals
Jenna Wolfe 2.5 steals

Assists:
Chalmers 5.9 assists
Megan Blay 2.2 assists



Poptanycz



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1:30 p.m. Saturday
Bolivar



Central Missouri State University
5:30 p.m. Wednesday
Warrensburg



Emporia State University
5:30 p.m. Feb. 4
Emporia, Kan.

MEN'S SCORING LEADERS

Name	Univ.	Pts.	ppg.
1. Kelvin Parker	NW	319	18.8
2. Tony Travis	ESU	263	16.4
3. Langston Grady	MWSC	275	16.2
4. Amear Watts	MSSU	267	15.7
5. Eddie Jackson	PSU	264	15.5
6. Jason Taylor	PSU	258	15.2
7. Jarrett Brown	SBU	240	15.0
8. Orestes Caveness	MSSU	231	14.4
9. Ike Munelo	UMR	244	14.4
10. Jamey Richardson	PSU	242	14.2

Standings do not include Wednesday's games.

MEN'S CONFERENCE STANDINGS

School	MIAA	Overall
1. Washburn	8-0	16-0
2. Northwest	7-1	16-1
3. Emporia State	6-2	14-3
4. Central Missouri	5-3	13-4
5. Missouri Southern	4-4	11-6
6. Pitt State	3-5	11-6
7. Missouri Rolla	3-5	10-7
8. Missouri Western	2-6	8-9
9. Southwest Baptist	1-7	4-13
10. Truman State	1-7	4-13

Standings do not include Wednesday's games.

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE STANDINGS

School	MIAA	Overall
1. Emporia State	8-0	15-0
2. Northwest	7-1	14-3
3. Washburn	6-2	15-2
4. Missouri Western	5-3	13-4
5. Central Missouri	5-3	12-5
6. Southwest Bapt.	3-5	11-6
7. Pitt State	3-5	8-8
8. Missouri Southern	2-6	11-6
9. Truman State	1-7	7-9
10. Missouri Rolla	0-8	4-13

Standings do not include Wednesday's games.

WOMEN'S SCORING LEADERS

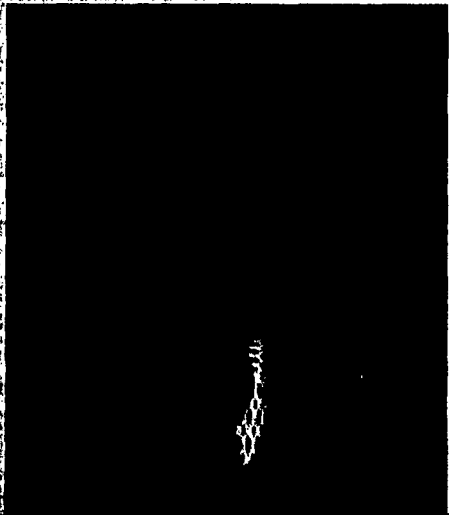
Name	Univ.	Pts.	ppg.
1. Sarah Sommer	TSU	257	16.1
2. Danielle McKinley	MWSC	266	15.6
3. Aubrie Hallman	MSSC	260	15.3
4. Eldra Paxiao	MWSC	256	15.1
5. Kamil Scrivner	PSU	240	15.0
6. Amber Wheeler	SBU	247	14.5
7. Jenna Shackelford	CMSU	229	14.3
8. Katie Spieker	PSU	224	14.0
8. Sarah Vollertsen	NW	196	14.0
10. Beth Orrendorf	CMSU	233	13.7

Standings do not include Wednesday's games.

Northwest Ford-Lincoln Mercury's

Spotlight
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...rebounds
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Jackson



Bearcat basketball squads get midseason report card

Now that the MIAA season has reached its midway point, the time has come to pass out the midseason grades for the men and women's basketball teams.

While both have seen significant success early on, surely there are areas that the two teams could improve in.

Without further ado, let the grade giving begin.

Ladies first.

Coaching If you were to ask Coach Steinmeyer what grade he deserves he would probably say "C or D," but in all actuality, he isn't doing a half bad job.

Keeping 11 different players happy with the amount of playing time they get is no easy task. It isn't like the non-starters are players who haven't seen the floor before; nine of the 11 have started at some point in their career.

The only thing that keeps Steinmeyer from receiving my first A is that Ashley Freerksen needs to see the floor more. That, and I know he wouldn't want an A.

Final Grade: B+

The Backcourt Outside shooting by the Bearcats left a lot to be desired when the season began, but with the exception of their ice cold

performance against Emporia State, Northwest has shot more than 34 percent from beyond the arc.

It seems the Bearcats live and die from beyond the arc, which eventually could prove to be their demise.

So far, they are living.

Final Grade: B

The Frontcourt

Last season they had arguably the best inside play in the MIAA. This season they are a bit more talented and a whole lot deeper.

I've yet to see a player who can completely shut down Sarah Vollertsen and Ashely Poptanycz the way they can shut down their opponents.

The frontcourt's depth is usually tested early on when Vollertsen is sent to the bench for fouls.

Steinmeyer says he's having a problem finding the right combination of player on the inside, but whatever he is doing, it's working.

Final Grade: A

And now for the men...

Coaching Coach Tappmeyer seems to have figured out the key to coaching a highly-ranked team.

Maybe Tapp's greatest coaching move this season, has been that of not starting Byron Jackson. Though Jackson is one of the top inside players in the nation, he's a touch on the aggressive side.

Tappmeyer has seemed to realize that by starting him, he would only get him in early foul trouble and has brought him in off the bench as the sixth man.

Final Grade: A

The Backcourt

After last season, people were worried about how well the backcourt would recover from losing "do-everything" guard Scott Fleming. Apparently, they've found a way. Sky Wilson

has filled Fleming's void as best he can, and don't forget about that other guy, Kelvin Parker.

Parker leads the MIAA in scoring, in addition to grooming the young team early on in conference play.

With the return of Bilal Clarence, the second half of the MIAA should prove to be even more fruitful for the Bearcats' backcourt.

Final Grade: A
The Frontcourt There's Byron Jackson, then what?

While Jackson is of All-MIAA caliber, the rest of the team leaves a bit to be desired on the inside.

After Jackson's 8.1 rebounding average per game, the next highest rebounder averages just more than 4 boards per game, and he's 6'2".

But the group finds a way to win, evident by their one loss in conference play. If they want to make it out of regionals, someone else is going to have to step up to complement Jackson.

Final Grade: B-

If the areas that need improvement are improved, the second half of the MIAA season should be as successful as the first.

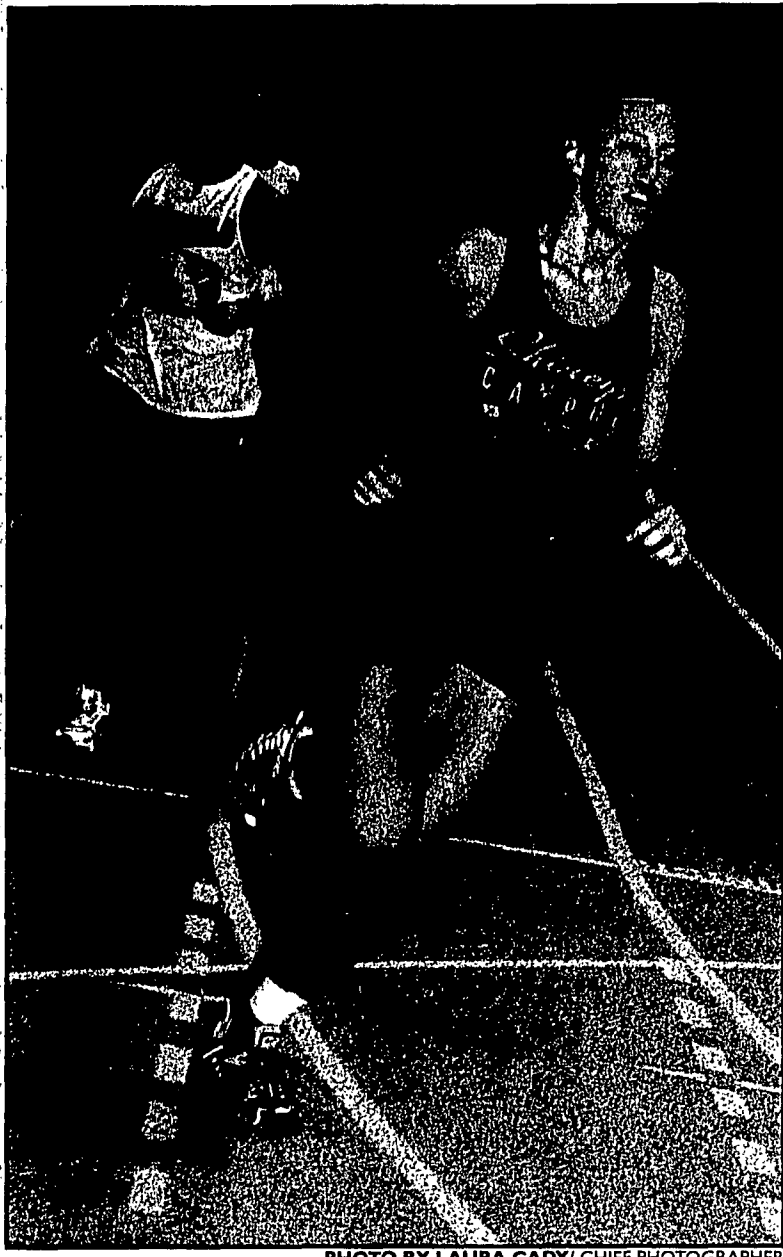


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Megan Robinson and Keelin Baine run sprints during Monday's indoor track practice. The tracksters are back in action this weekend as they travel to Nebraska Wesleyan.

Track teams place highly at Nebraska Invitational

By JEROME BOETTCHER
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Northwest's indoor track teams fared well this past weekend at the Nebraska Invitational where they saw many tough competitors, including the University of South Dakota, the University of Nebraska-Kearney and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Coach Richard Alsup was pleased with how the team competed against such stiff competition.

"We still had some kids improve performances," Alsup said. "I saw athletes competing really well, even though we didn't have any firsts, obviously, they were still competing."

Alsup said not everyone improved their times, but they were a little tired after having tough workouts the week before.

A highlight for the men's team was junior Dan McKim finishing second in the shot put and fourth in the weight throw. Junior Gabrielle Helms finished fifth in the 60-meter run and provisionally qualified for nationals. Sophomore Eric Isley finished third in the 800-meters and provisionally qualified for nationals. Diezeas Calbert took fourth in the triple jump, seventh in the long jump and ninth in the high jump.

Alsup said he was also pleased with McKim (weight throw and shot put), Helms (60-meters), freshman E.J. Faulkner (60-meters and 200-meters) and Isley (800-meters). Sophomore Brad Elliott, who came off vacation with the flu, recovered with a successful run in the 800-

meters. Freshman Drew Wilson improved his mile run time by ten seconds and took 11th place. Junior Jamison Phillips set his personal record in the 5000-meters with a time of 15:23.70. Junior Pat Jordan finished tenth in the high jump. Alsup was also pleased with younger members' performances, including sophomore Mark Aubrey, freshman Courtney Ingram and freshman Jeff Shipley.

"Some of our younger athletes were wide-eyed," Alsup said. "I think they kind of got used to that. I think we keep trying to tell them that we are going to see some meets with some really great competition."

On the women's side, sophomore Alisha Samuel set her career best and took second in the 60-meter dash while lowering her provisional qualifying mark. Junior Stephanie Sunken finished fourth in the 800-meter run. Senior Gara Lacy took fourth in the long jump. Senior Mary Wirt continued to do well with a fifth place finish in the weight throw. Coach Vicki Wooton said Wirt was very competitive, although she didn't improve her provisional qualifying mark for nationals.

"Our 4x400 team probably ran one of the best 4x400s in a couple years this early in the season," Wooton said.

Gara Lacy, Megan Robinson, Dia McKee and Steph Sunken all ran in the relay.

The teams are now preparing for the Nebraska Wesleyan Invitational in Lincoln this weekend.

"They'll be a little bit more competitive as an entire team," Wooton said. "We need to work on our block starts. We need to be more mentally prepared and more focused on the race."

Terry finished first at the MIAA championships his junior year in his event and in that same year, 2001, he finished 10th in indoor track and 12th in outdoor track. In both meets he set school records. Runners must finish in the top eight in their race at nationals to become an All-American.

"That's what I am shooting for this year," Joel said. "There are some really fast kids out there. It's the next level stuff when you get down there to nationals. It's pretty impressive."

Men's track coach Richard Alsup has coached Terry through his Northwest career and feels he has a good shot at achieving his goals.

"This is his final year he wants a shot at challenging for the conference title, he wants a shot at qualifying for nationals, he's done it before," Alsup said. "As hard as he works I have confidence that he will reach those goals."

Alsup says that Terry is a competitive athlete, with a high work ethic and that he doesn't require a lot of high maintenance, coaching-wise.

"Individually, he has high expectations for himself," Alsup said. "He is his number one critic. He works his butt off."

Alsup says that he has no doubt that Joel will end up successful in his future plans.

"He'll be a success in whatever he does, I know that," Alsup said.



Terry

"The only thing I could recommend to him is to lighten up on himself."

Terry is here an additional year because he has twice pulled his hamstring during his sophomore year and once again last year during indoor track season.

Terry said some of the most memorable moments in his collegiate career included running at Division I schools.

"Some of the biggest ones though, were running at the University of Kansas relays and Drake relays where you are running in front of thousands and thousands and thousands of people," he said. "That's huge. Especially running for a small school and you're not all that big of a university. You go to those meets and you can feel the crowd, just the percussion of them yelling as you go around the track. It's a pretty huge rush. That was really exciting."

Joel Terry the student

Terry is planning to go to chiropractic school at Logan Chiropractic College in St. Louis upon completing the trimester. While he could have earned his pre-chiropractic degree in a couple years at Northwest, Terry knew he was going to run track. He decided to instead get a bachelor's in pre-professional zoology to cut down the work load.

Terry continues to maintain a hectic schedule. During the track season, he finds himself competing on the weekends and practicing everyday. Terry, who has a roommate who plays football, thinks that track takes up enough amount of your time just as any other sport would.

"I'd say we put in the same amount of time (into our sports) really," Terry said. "They lift harder in the offseason but as far

as when it comes down to practices, we run a lot. We put in a lot of mileage. We start practices a couple weeks after school begins in the fall. We're here from any two to three weeks after school is out in the spring. So it's a long season. As far as when it comes down to practices, I'm sure (any sport) can be just as taxing."

At times Terry will return home "burnt out" and find himself working late on homework. He doesn't have a job during track season because he says he's busy as it is. He was also in a band, but since the drummer was deployed overseas, members parted ways.

Terry says he rarely becomes overwhelmed with all the work, but it can be too much sometimes.

"I haven't had any nervous breakdowns or anything like that, but it can get frustrating if you have a bad week of practice or a bad meet," he said. "You'll come back and you'll have all this homework to do and you want to have a social life too. There doesn't seem like there is time for it."

Sue Frucht, assistant Biology professor, has served as Terry's adviser for three years, and was his instructor in Medical Terminology and Human Physiology I and II. Frucht also thinks that Terry is well off in achieving his career goals.

"He's well suited for his career goals and motivated for it, so he wants to work hard for that goal," Frucht said. "He has a great work ethic, which you find in many of the athletes too, because you can't be a successful athlete if you don't

Joel Terry the person

work hard at it."

Terry's strong personality

makes him pleasant to be around, Frucht said.

"He's outgoing, friendly, easy to talk to and a nice guy," she said.

Like most successful athletes, Terry is strongly supported by his parents, Mark and Jennifer Terry.

"My folks are awesome," he said. "They're great. They always put an emphasis on grades and 'do your best.' But as far as sports, they're at every meet they can possibly be at. They're always there. They're always trying to help out."

He also said his dad was very involved in his coaching and he would always help him and watch film with him.

"He tried to achieve, he's always taken athletics more seriously, especially track," Mark said.

They said that Terry first started getting interested in track he saw his sister running hurdles after school one day. He also competed in meets that weren't school sponsored.

Mark said they never 'pushed' Joel, but they encouraged him.

"We've seen the mistakes that others have made," Mark said. "We've encouraged him to excel."

Terry doesn't seem himself as the perfect role model, but he says he tries his hardest to set an example.

"I'm far from perfect, by any means," Joel said. "I try to be one of the people that's out there leading us. I'm not a very talkative leader, just 'run hard.' I try to lead by example."

Finally, Terry says he never really thought about why he tries so hard in academics and athletics. He said he really isn't sure why he wants to excel in track.

"I guess I'm just a glutton for punishment," he said.

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Grapplers relinquish Midland title to Platte County

By ANDY TIMKO
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Thursday night the Maryville Spoofhounds wrestling team headed into its second to last conference match-up of the season, coming off three consecutive dual wins and second place tournament finish.

The stage was set for the wrestling team to win the MEC Championship over Platte County, but it was not meant to be as the 'Hounds lost the dual 42-30.

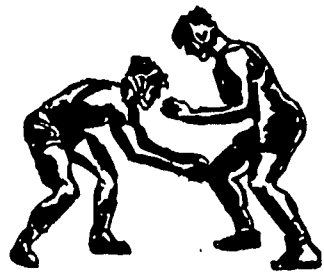
"Overall, we wrestled very well," head coach Joe Drake said. "The discussion about being conference

champions was (at practice), but physically, we did nothing different to prepare."

The 'Hounds started the night in the 135-pound weight class and lost back-to-back matches before

Joseph Drake spurred a string of five straight wins.

"(Starting at 135) was a little to our advantage," Drake said. "It put us in a situation where we were going to make changes to our lineup and if we started off with



Hounds Wrestling

those changes, it would give us an idea for what we knew was going to work or not."

After losing back-to-back matches the 'Hounds won five straight and headed into the heavy-weight match with a commanding 30-3 lead.

"We knew before we got to 103 that we had to have a lead that we couldn't surrender by forfeiting two matches," Drake said.

Even with the help of five top 10 ranked wrestlers combining for three pins, the 'Hounds could not hold the Pirates back for long and ended up losing the lead as the dual continued on.

"It's nice (to have wrestlers ranked), but it's nothing we talk about in practice," Drake said. "The guys know they are ranked, but the only ranking that counts is the one that takes place the third week in February when you're standing on the podium down there (at state)." The Pirates won the heavyweight

match and continued to roll over the 'Hounds' usually solid lower weight classes. Consistent winners Justin Driskell and Cody Gillenwater had tough match-ups and could not help the 'Hounds post points.

"We didn't know if we were going to win those matches, and it didn't happen," Drake said. "We had a lead, but not enough of one, so we knew that we were in trouble."

The 'Hounds have a dual and a tournament that they will try to focus on before sectional and district competition.

"We never talk about something down the road, it's day-by-day for us," Drake said.

The 'Hounds are back in action tonight at Smithville and again on Saturday, when they host the Maryville Tournament.

Badgers pick up win over Illini, shut down Browns show

By JOE ZIMMER
BADGER HERALD

MADISON WIS. (U-Wire) Saturday afternoon's game between Wisconsin and Illinois was billed as a showdown between budding rivals Devin Harris and Dee Brown. However, the anticipated duel between the two turned out to be as lopsided as the game itself.

Harris, the coaches' pick as Pre-season Big Ten Player of the Year, poured in a career-high 30 points against various Illini defenders. Meanwhile, Brown, who was selected by the media as Preseason Big Ten Player of the Year, struggled en route to a four-point outing.

Coming off one of the worst games in his collegiate career — a five-point game against Michigan — Harris was aggressive from the onset, taking the ball to the basket early and often.

"I think that got me in trouble on Wednesday, not being aggressive all the time," Harris said. "I wanted to make a conscious effort right away to attack the basket and not settle for

jump shots."

Harris made just 1-of-6 shots against the Wolverines, and did not score until he sank a free throw with 14:35 remaining in the second half. His first field goal came on a layup with just 2:04 remaining in the game. By the end of Saturday's first half, he had already scored 16 points on 5-of-7 shooting. He is the first Badger to score 30 points in a game since Kirk Penney did so on Feb. 16, 2002, in Minnesota.

"He's just a very smart player," Illini head coach Bruce Weber said of Harris. "He doesn't have a great night the other night. I told the kids, 'He's going to come motivated; great players rise up. He's not going to sit back and let that happen two games in a row.'"

Illinois' initial game plan was to check the Badger star with the cat-quick Brown, but that strategy quickly fell to the wayside as Harris had his way with his counterpart. Weber was forced to switch the defensive assignment, shifting Deron Williams and, at times, Luther Head onto Harris.

"We thought Dee's quickness

might hurt Harris. Obviously it didn't," Weber said. "Then we rotated Deron to him."

Even Williams, perhaps the best on-ball defender in the Big Ten, could not slow down Harris, who finished with a new career-high point total, sinking 9-of-15 shots and getting to the foul line with consistency.

Brown, dubbed "The One Man Fastbreak," was unable to get into the offensive flow, attempting only eight field goals and making just two in 35 minutes. He went into the locker room scoreless at halftime and did not score until the 8:29 mark of the second half, the polar opposite of Harris' performance.

"It was just one of those games," Harris said of Brown's afternoon in comparison to his. "He had one of those games that I had on Wednesday. I can't really say much about it — just a great shooting night. I'm playing at home. I'm sure he'll have a pretty good game when we go to Illinois. It really doesn't say much."

Harris' dominance extended to the defensive end, where he hounded Brown all game long to the tune of

three turnovers and just two assists.

"Excellent anticipating of spots, good chase, good hedges," Wisconsin head coach Bo Ryan said of Harris' defense on Brown. "When we look at the film, I'm sure he's going to grade out pretty high on how he handled those things."

Ryan would like to think that his point guard did not need the added motivation of playing against the much-ballyhooed Illini guard.

"If us playing Illinois with Dee Brown causes one of my players to play better and to work harder or to do anything else to take as a challenge, then I'm not doing my job," Ryan said. "Devin tries to play well every night, and I certainly hope that it wasn't because of a certain name on a jersey."

Harris was quick to echo his coach's sentiments.

"It doesn't matter who we're playing," he said. "I think I had one of my worst games on Wednesday, so I wanted to bounce back from that — come out and have a pretty good game."

Jayhawk athletes make time for classwork along with practices, games

By RYAN GREEN
DAILY KANSAN

(U-WIRE) LAWRENCE, Kan. — Kansas basketball players make millions of dollars for the University, they are adored by fans of all ages and they patiently sign what seems like endless autographs for kids after home games.

However, it's sometimes forgotten that they are still students, stressing from the same anxieties that come with hefty class schedules.

Add late nights and piles of homework on top of daily practices, conditioning and traveling, the workload they shoulder is

enough to make most crumble.

But ask the players, and they'll tell you it's really no sweat. "Right now everything's good, because you get a syllabus and you go home," junior guard Michael Lee said. "When you start getting papers and tests, I wouldn't say it gets stressful, but it's nothing nobody's not used to by now."

During the five week holiday, the players' only chance to go home was Dec. 22-26. For the rest of those five weeks, the team played eight games, finishing with a mark of 6-2. The remainder of the Jayhawks' games in the regular season will be Big 12 Conference foes, and

will entail playing 12 games in six weeks. That means instead of having practice at 10 or 11 in the morning and stress-free evenings, classes will fill their morning hours, followed by late afternoon practices and hitting the books into the late hours of the night.

While studying can be mentally taxing, the physical price the players pay each day on the court makes focusing on school work even more difficult. Even after a game, there are tutoring sessions and near all-nighters. In the minds of the veteran players, the key to keeping their composure stems back to one of the most natural and necessary human functions.

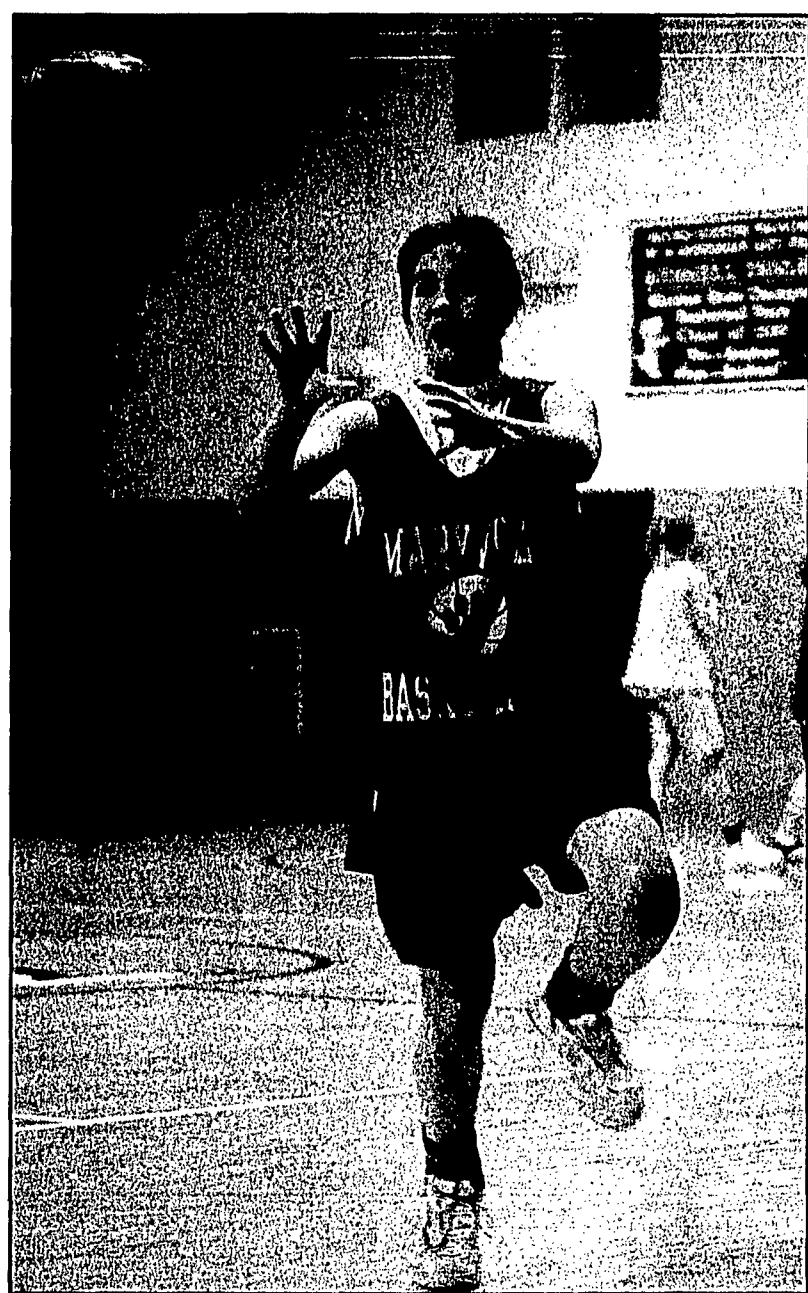


PHOTO BY NIKI CARDEN/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER
Kylee Smith passes the ball to a teammate during practice. The team will play Friday at Savannah and look to rebound from the Bishop Miege Tournament.

'Hounds snowed out, face Savages Friday

By JARED LITTLEJOHN
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The 'Hounds came away with only one victory last week, but a lesson was learned.

The 'Hounds entered the Bishop Miege Tournament with a record of 10-4. They brought along with them confidence and an average of nearly 60 points a game. They left the tournament 1-2, averaging 41 points a game with a record of 11-6.

"Our main concern is being ready for districts and hopefully those games helped us do that," head coach Randy Cook said.

The 'Hounds dropped the first game of the tourney to Notre Dame de Sion High School, 62-39. "Baskets just didn't drop," Cook said.

While no Spoofhound finished in double-digits, senior Cindy Austin finished with nine points and junior Kelli Dawson and senior Anne Hagen finished with eight points apiece.

In the second game, the 'Hounds came away with an over-

time win against Park Hill South High School, 48-46. Again, junior trey-machine Kelli Dawson led the team in three pointers with three, and total points with 14. Senior Abby Walter also tossed in 10 points in the win.

The final game of the tournament was a loss to Blue Springs High School 57-38.

"We just didn't play good enough defense," Cook said.

The 'Hounds scored a lot of their points off fast breaks, a difficult task for a weak defensive team.

"That game should have been a lot different," Cook said. "I just hope we learned from it."

The dim spotlight of the tournament shined upon senior Cindy Austin and junior Kelli Dawson as they were both named to the Bishop Miege Tournament Team.

The Lady Spoofhounds were to play at home against Benton Tuesday night, but it was cancelled due to the weather.

Their next game is Friday night at Savannah at 8 p.m.

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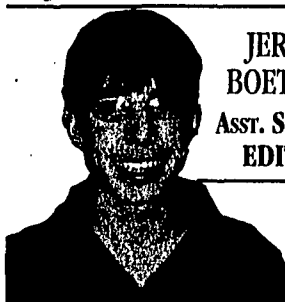
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JEROME BOETTCHER
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

It's Feb. 1 and the most watched sports event in the world is being played.

But do you care?

"I don't want to watch the Super Bowl, it will be boring."

"Who cares about the Panthers and Patriots?"

"My team isn't there, why should I watch?"

That's what I've been hearing the most lately, and I concur.

But wait, I'll bet you said that two years ago when the Rams and the Patriots were playing. The Rams, the huge favorite, were beat, and it was possibly the biggest shock in Super Bowl history. Don't the Patriots look like the 2001 Rams? Don't the Panthers look like the 2001 Patriots?

I wouldn't call this one over quite yet. Yes, your teams aren't in it: the "no-defense" Chiefs, your "we can't believe in our Quarterback" Rams, and those other teams that didn't make the cut. But why not give the 7-year-old Panthers a chance? Aren't they a team that no one expected to get this far? Weren't they 1-15 two years ago? Why can't a young, inexperienced team versus a experienced team make a good

world championship?

Yes, the Patriots are becoming the Yankees of the NFL. It's just one more reason to hate them. No one in their right mind wants the Patriots there. (As you can see, I am not letting that 2002 Super Bowl go away). America doesn't want a dynasty, they want surprises. Well, at least I do anyway.

This will be a good game because the Panthers aren't supposed to be here. *The Panthers?*

Last year it was Tampa Bay and yes, I found that quite boring. Because the team I hate the most in the NFC won it all. Two years before it was the Ravens. *The Ravens!* I guess everyone was saying the same thing about the Rams the year before. It's just been made easier for the usually below-average teams

to win.

Why do I think this will be a good game and not just another boring blowout in which all you look forward to is the halftime show and commercials? Because defense wins championships. New England has the fifth best defense in the AFC, and Carolina is the number three defense in the NFC when it comes to total yards allowed per game.

Doesn't that make you scratch your head? New England is only number five, but are teams like Buffalo and Jacksonville (#1 and #4) still in it? I don't think so. Besides, the way they've been playing lately, they deserve to be there. They were number one in the NFL during the regular season in allowing the least amount of points per game, with 14.9. Carolina only allowed 19 points per game. So if you like close, low-scoring games, then this one is for you. If you hated last year's Super Bowl between Tampa Bay and Oakland then you might not want to watch.

However, if you like defense more than offense, look for New England cornerback Ty Law to have another good performance (three interceptions last week). Carolina has their own Ty Law, but his name is Ricky Manning Jr., a rookie cornerback, who also had three in-

terceptions last week.

On the other side of the ball, Carolina and New England are only 16th and 17th in getting the most yards per game offensively. But hey, did Brad Johnson win that Super Bowl last year? Heck no, the defense did. It's hard to admit, but defense wins championships. Carolina knocked out a great quarterback, Donovan McNabb in a win last week. He threw three interceptions. New England froze Peyton Manning to only one touchdown and four interceptions.

So, Jake Delhomme isn't the greatest quarterback in the world, but he sure knows how to get it done. The same with Tom Brady, no matter how much you dislike him, you have to admit the boy gets it done in the clutch. For example, Super Bowl XXXVI. Without his drive in that last minute or so, New England probably wouldn't even be considered a powerhouse.

Finally, my prediction is for it to be a close game with New England prevailing by a field goal, though I really hope Carolina can deliver the upset. So please, watch the game, well, at least the first half anyway (which is about the time when most of you will change the channel to the Lingerie Bowl). I have a feeling that it's a game we'll be overlooking.

FAN PLAN

	TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Northwest men's basketball			Southwest Baptist 3:30 p.m.				CMSU 7:30 p.m.
Northwest women's basketball			Southwest Baptist 1:30 p.m.				CMSU 5:30 p.m.
Northwest indoor track			Nebraska Wesleyan				
Maryville boy's basketball						Platte County 8 p.m.	
Maryville girl's basketball		Savannah 8 p.m.				Platte County 8 p.m.	
Maryville wrestling							

■ GAME TO WATCH: The Bearcats go down to Warrensburg for a doubleheader. Both games should be good, plus it's always tougher to play away from home. ■ Home games

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Baseball team ranked No. 29 in Preseason Polls

The Northwest Missouri State baseball team has found itself in the national preseason rankings. Northwest, which finished last year 36-17, is ranked No. 29.

Central Missouri State, the defending Division II champions are tied for the top spot with Tampa with 632 points.

The Bearcats open up their season on Feb. 14 with a doubleheader at Northeastern State (Okla.).

They're first home game is March 10 against Grandview (Mo.).

10 Deep Questions with: Byron Jackson

About Jackson: Byron is in his first year as a forward with the Bearcat basketball team.

Q. Why did you come to Northwest?

A. It was a great program that Coach Tappmeyer had and I knew that I could graduate and get my degree.

Q. What CD is in your CD player?

A. Tyrese

Q. What was the first car you owned?

A. My dad's friend's Mercedes Benz back in Oakland, Calif. I crashed it.

Q. What are some superstitions you have when it comes to basketball games?

A. I touch my right arm for my dad, I touch my left arm for my mom. I wear black and white socks and I pray to my grandfather and my grandma.

Q. How many tattoos do you have?

A. 13

Q. What is your favorite tattoo?

A. My mom's name and dad's name.

Q. What radio station do you listen to?

A. I don't listen to the radio down here.

Q. What was your best basketball memory?

A. I had 20 rebounds at my junior college.

Q. What was the last movie you went to?

A. Along Came Polly

Q. What is your favorite food?

A. Enchiladas

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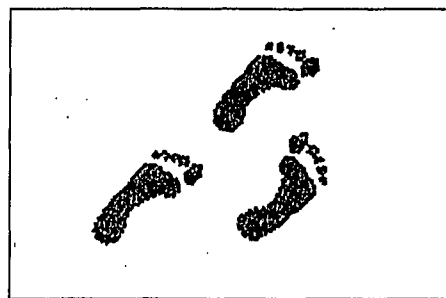
Plasma donations prove profitable

It is time to discuss the benefits of one of the most lucrative, yet generally untapped resources available to you, my reader, the college student: plasma donation.

Now I know what you are thinking — "Plasma? But that only exists in the future!" Wrong. Plasma extraction technology has been with us for a long time.

The concept of removing precious life juices has a significant place in our history. Ancient priests/witch doctors used similar methods to bleed humors from the bodies of the infirm, believing that an imbalance in their relative quantities led to illness. Hell, I bet Jesus donated His most holy of plasmas to the filthy lepers that begged Him to rid their wretched bodies of their horrible affliction. But even Jesus did not have the luxury of a centrifuge, which is used to separate the actual blood cells from that sweet, golden plasma goodness.

At twenty bucks a pop, plasmosis can be a healthy, low-hassle supplement to your income. The process is easy. First, a thorough physical is given. Then, after an extended period of socializing with an assortment of crazies, vagrants and vagabonds, it is off to the screening booth. A quick weigh-in, blood pressure check, and finger prick and you are ready to be har-



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vested.

The know-it-all plasma technicians will try to confuse you with their plasma-jargon, but pay no attention. They try to feed you all this malarkey about how drinking alcohol before or immediately after donating is dangerous. Hogwash. I have experienced nothing that would indicate that a significant decrease in the liquid component of my blood has any direct relation to the susceptibility of my body to the effects of alcohol.

They will also tell you that donating two consecutive days in a row is a health risk. They generally employ a phosphorescent/blacklight system to keep this from happening, but an experienced donor can easily dodge these countermeasures and double his/her plasmability by

donating at other centers.

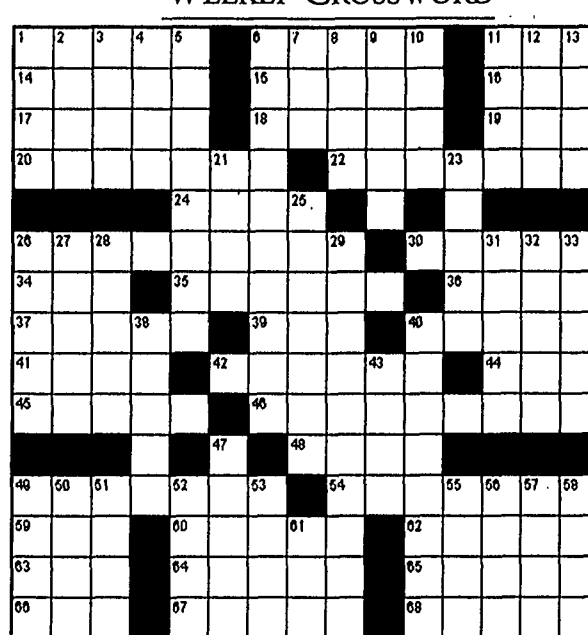
I boast a VIP membership at three different institutions. I don't know if you non-donor laments can understand that, but among my fellow plasmapals I am held in very high esteem. Not just anyone can finish a plasma session in less than four cycles. That takes premium, Grade A plasma. Liquid gold. That means limiting your consumption of leafy greens, which lowers the iron content of your blood, ensuring a pleasant and expedient visit to the plasma farm.

There are some slight inconveniences associated with selling your life's essence. Paramount among these would be what is commonly referred to by plasma veterans as plasmitis, or the general lack of self-worth following a harvest.

However, this is a minor obstacle which pales in comparison to the multitude of positives that are sure to be realized after your first plasma experience. The closest plasma depository is located in St. Joseph, and is easily visible from the highway. I suggest scheduling an appointment so that you too can finally begin to profit from your own surplus of useless biofluids.

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WEEKLY CROSSWORD



ACROSS
1. Contraction of has not
6. Cultivates
11. Two
14. Male name
15. Self-evident truth
16. Direct a gun
17. Female given name
18. Slow
19. In favor of
20. Anticipates
22. Grades
24. Throat clearance
26. Blind alleys
30. Funerary appraisals
34. Some
35. Too many
36. And others

DOWN
1. Gap
2. Male name
3. Swill
4. Baseball team
5. Small box for holding tea leaves
6. Jump the gun
7. Chopping tool
8. Outer covering
9. Hotel for motorists
10. Smoke combined with fog
11. Long narrow strip of fabric
12. Metal filament
13. Prophet
21. You (Archaic)
23. Man's name of Biblical origin
25. United in marriage
26. Class of Indian society
27. Pending
28. Stringed instruments
29. Comic actress
31. Units
32. Sri Lankan
33. Cunningly
38. Pertaining to Asia
40. Recondite
43. Stiff
47. Succulent plants
49. Blackthorn fruit
50. Cry out
51. Matures
52. Morse element
53. Something lent
55. Suggestive
56. Fusses
57. Bits of thread
58. Improvised bed
61. Manipulate

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Drug facts:
■ Drugs taken with grapefruit juice may be absorbed by the body more easily. People who drink great quantities of grapefruit juice with their pills can make themselves gravely ill.
■ Per 1999 medical data, an alarming 2 million people are hospitalized and as many as 140,000 die each year from side effects or reactions to prescription drugs.
■ Scientists at NASA tested the effects of certain drugs on a spider's ability to spin webs. A spider on marijuana tried to make a web, but gave up when it was only half done. Spiders on Bensedrine, speed, spun webs quickly, but left huge holes in them making odd patterns. Spiders on caffeine only spun some random threads, while those on sleeping pills never started to make a web.

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Portions of Patriot Act unconstitutional

By RYAN MEEHAN
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A federal judge ruled Friday that a provision within the Patriot Act is unconstitutional, information made available Monday revealed.

U.S. District Judge Audrey Collins said the wording of part of the act -- which has given the government unfettered power in fighting terrorism since Sept. 11, 2001 -- is too vague.

Constitutional rights attorney David Cole -- who is the former attorney of former University of South Florida professor Mazen Al Najjar -- argued the case on behalf of The Humanitarian Law Project.

"I'm obviously delighted, and I think it underscores what many people have said about the Patriot Act," Cole said in an interview late Monday. "Congress in its haste to act after 9/11 failed to consider constitutional rights issues presented by the statutes."

The part of the act in question made it illegal for anyone to offer advice or support to groups the government has in the past designated as "terrorist" organizations.

The plaintiffs in this case, five organizations and two U.S. citizens, were seeking to provide aid and advice to peaceful Kurdish refugees in Turkey, Cole said.

The groups said the government threatened them with 15 years of jail time if they were to lend support to the Kurdistan Workers' Party and the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam.

In a 1997 report, then Secretary of State Madeline Albright issued a report that listed both groups as "foreign terrorist groups."

In Sri Lanka, the Tamil Tiger rebels have been engaged in a two-decade civil war that has killed more than 65,000 people. Turkey's military has been battling Kurdish rebels seeking autonomy since 1984, a fight that has left some 37,000 people dead.

Under the Patriot Act, the U.S. prohibition on providing "material support" or "resources" to terrorist groups was expanded to include "expert advice or assistance."

But Cole said the groups he represented were looking to provide "assistance in human rights advoc-

cacy and peacemaking."

"It's unconstitutional to criminalize speech that encourages human rights," he said.

Added Judge Collins: "The U.S.A. Patriot Act places no limitation on the type of expert advice and assistance which is prohibited and instead bans the provision of all expert advice and assistance regardless of its nature."

Cole, a professor at Georgetown University, also consulted Sami Al-Arian on the former USF professor's application for citizenship in the United States. Al-Arian was arrested Feb. 20 on a 50-count federal indictment that alleged he was involved with the Palestinian Islamic Jihad. Prior to Al-Arian's arrest, Cole spoke at USF and criticized the administration for moving to fire Al-Arian after his appearance on The O'Reilly Factor in 2001.

Information from The Associated Press was used in this report.

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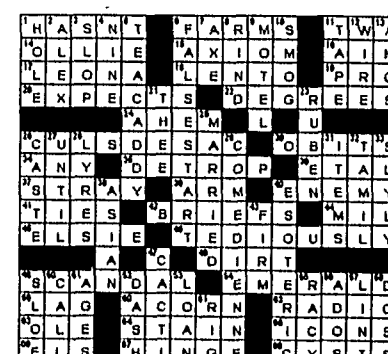
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